



Public Opinion Survey of Residents of Ukraine

April 21 - May 5, 2017



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Methodology

- The survey was conducted by [Rating Group Ukraine](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- The survey was conducted throughout Ukraine (except for the occupied territories of Crimea and the Donbas) from April 21 to May 5, 2017 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 2,400 permanent residents of Ukraine aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by gender, age, region and the size of settlement. An additional 1,378 respondents were also surveyed in the Ukrainian-controlled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. A multi-stage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday methods for respondent selection.
 - Stage One: The territory of Ukraine was split into 25 administrative regions (24 regions of Ukraine and Kyiv). The survey was conducted throughout all regions of Ukraine, with the exception of the occupied territories of Crimea and the Donbas.
 - Stage Two: The selection of settlements was based on towns and villages. Towns were grouped into subtypes according to their size:
 - Cities with a population of more than 1 million
 - Cities with a population of between 500,000 and 999,000
 - Cities with a population of between 100,000 and 499,000
 - Cities with a population of between 50,000 and 99,000
 - Cities with a population of up to 50,000
 - Villages
 - Cities and villages were selected at random. The number of selected cities/villages in each region was proportional to the share of the population living in cities/villages of a certain type in each region.
 - Stage Three: primary sampling points (PSP) were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2 percent.
- The average response rate was 64.2 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [Government of Canada](#).

Methodology

Donetsk and Luhansk *Oblasts* Oversample

- An oversample was conducted in the Ukrainian-controlled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts* from April 21 to May 5, 2017 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,378 citizens of Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts* aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. The sample is representative in terms of gender, age, and size of settlement. A multi-stage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday methods for respondent selection.
 - Stage One: The sample was proportionally split between Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*, in the areas controlled by the Government of Ukraine.
 - Stage Two: The selection of settlements was based on towns and villages. Towns were grouped into subtypes according to their size:
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 - Villages
 - Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of the population living in a particular type of settlement in each region.
 - Stage Three: primary sampling points (PSP) were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.6 percent.
- The average response rate was 67.3 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

Geographical Key



*Due to the Russian occupation of Crimea and the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, residents of Crimea and the separatist-controlled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts* were not included in this poll.



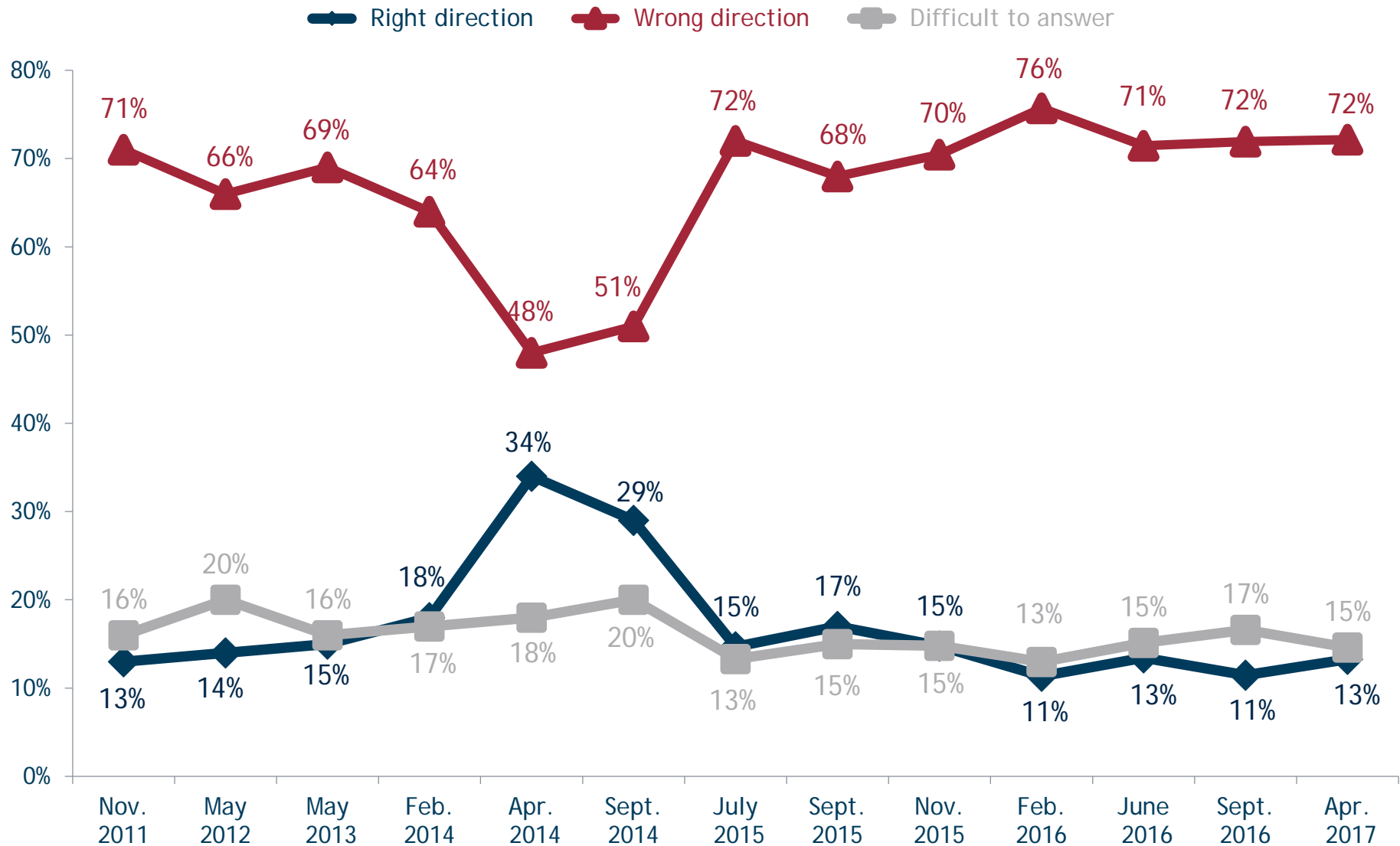
Mood of the Country



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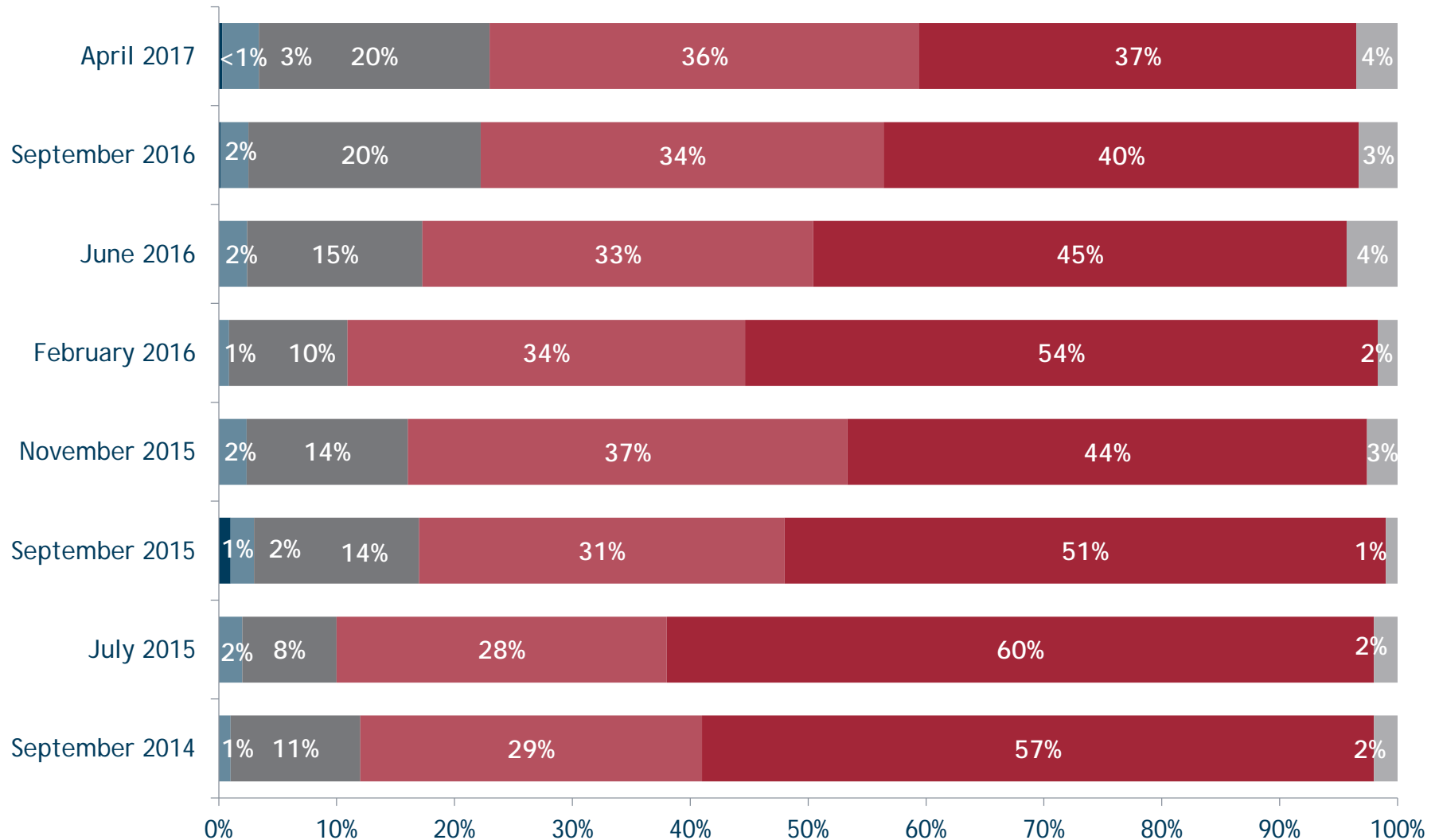
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Generally speaking, do you think that things in Ukraine are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

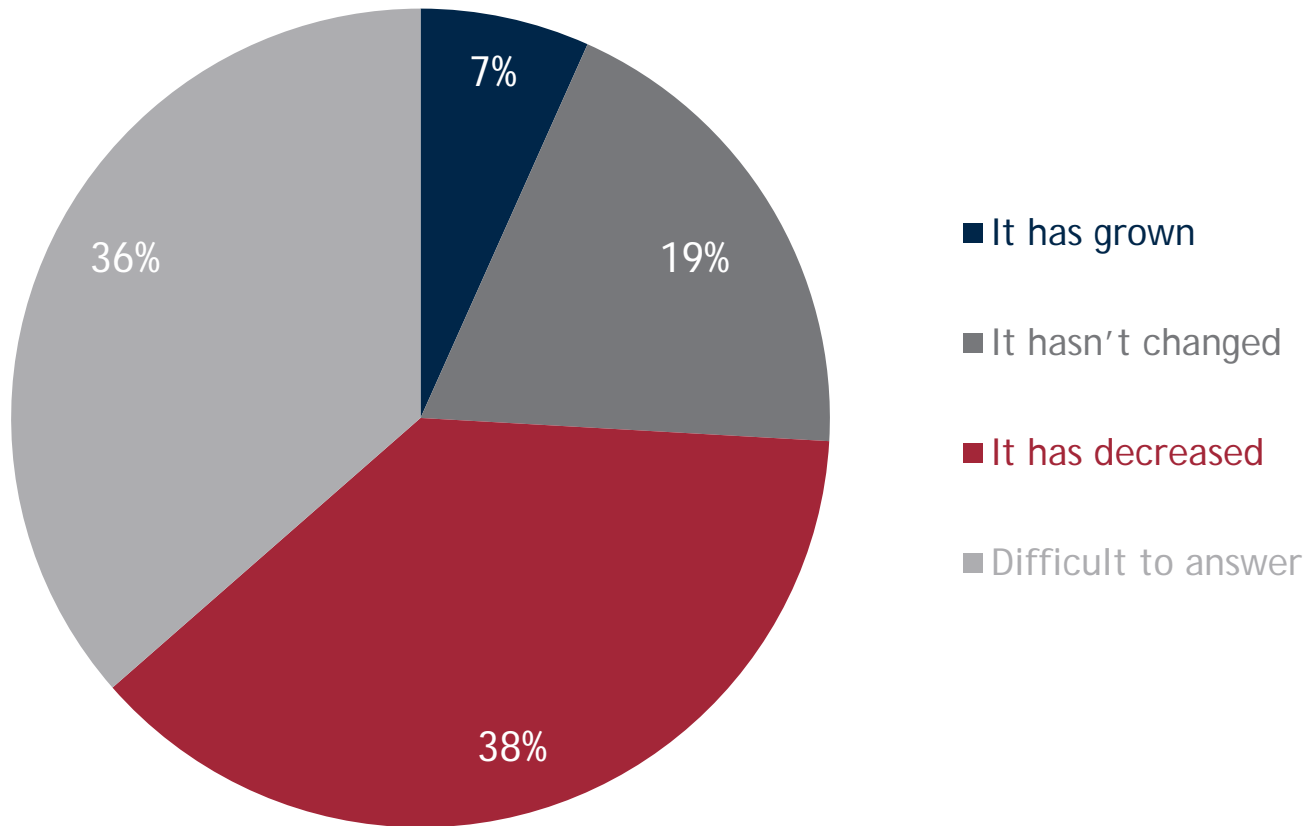


Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Ukraine changed?

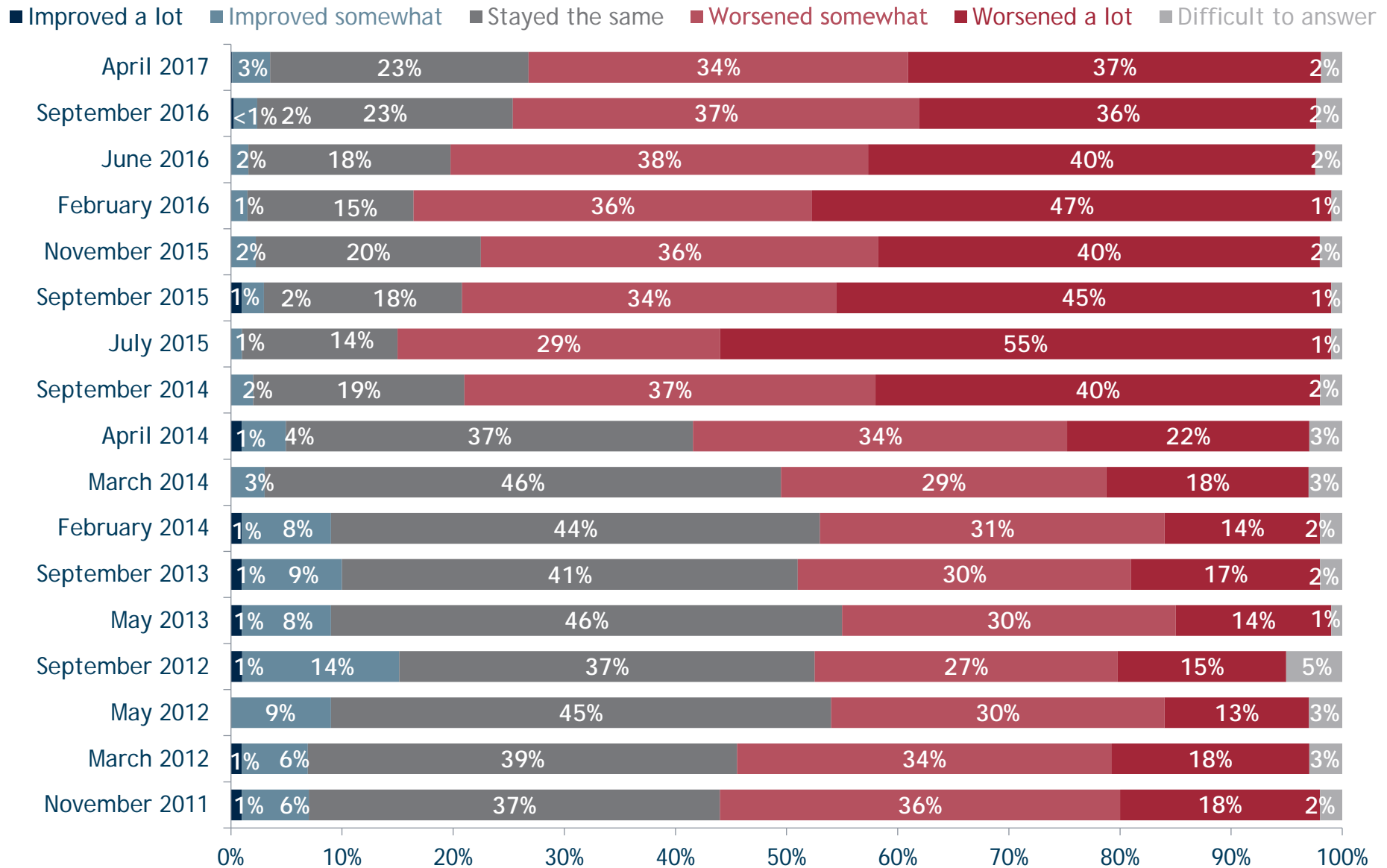
■ Improved a lot ■ Improved somewhat ■ Stayed the same ■ Worsened somewhat ■ Worsened a lot ■ Difficult to answer



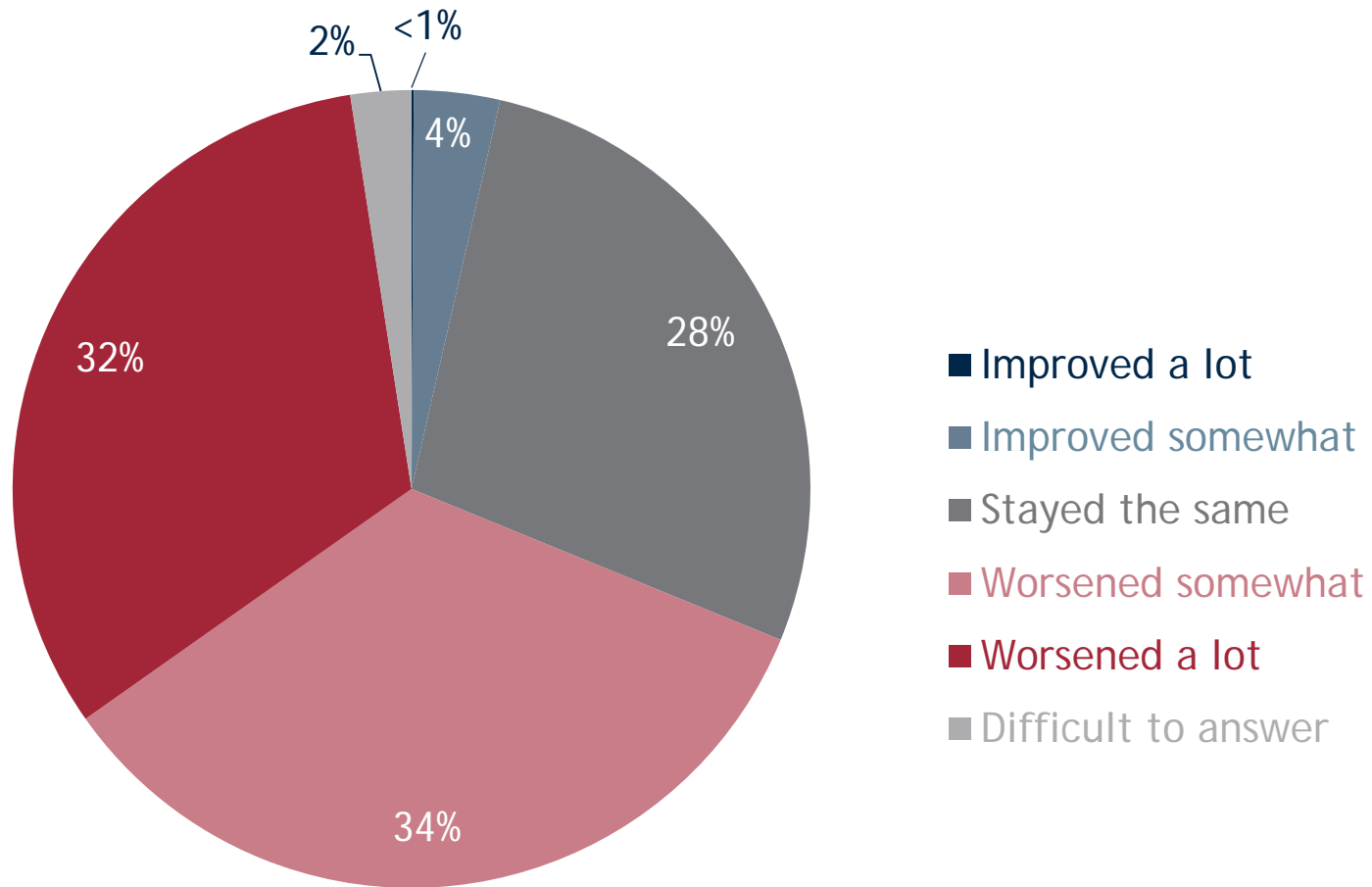
As far as you know, how has the GDP of Ukraine changed over the last 12 months?



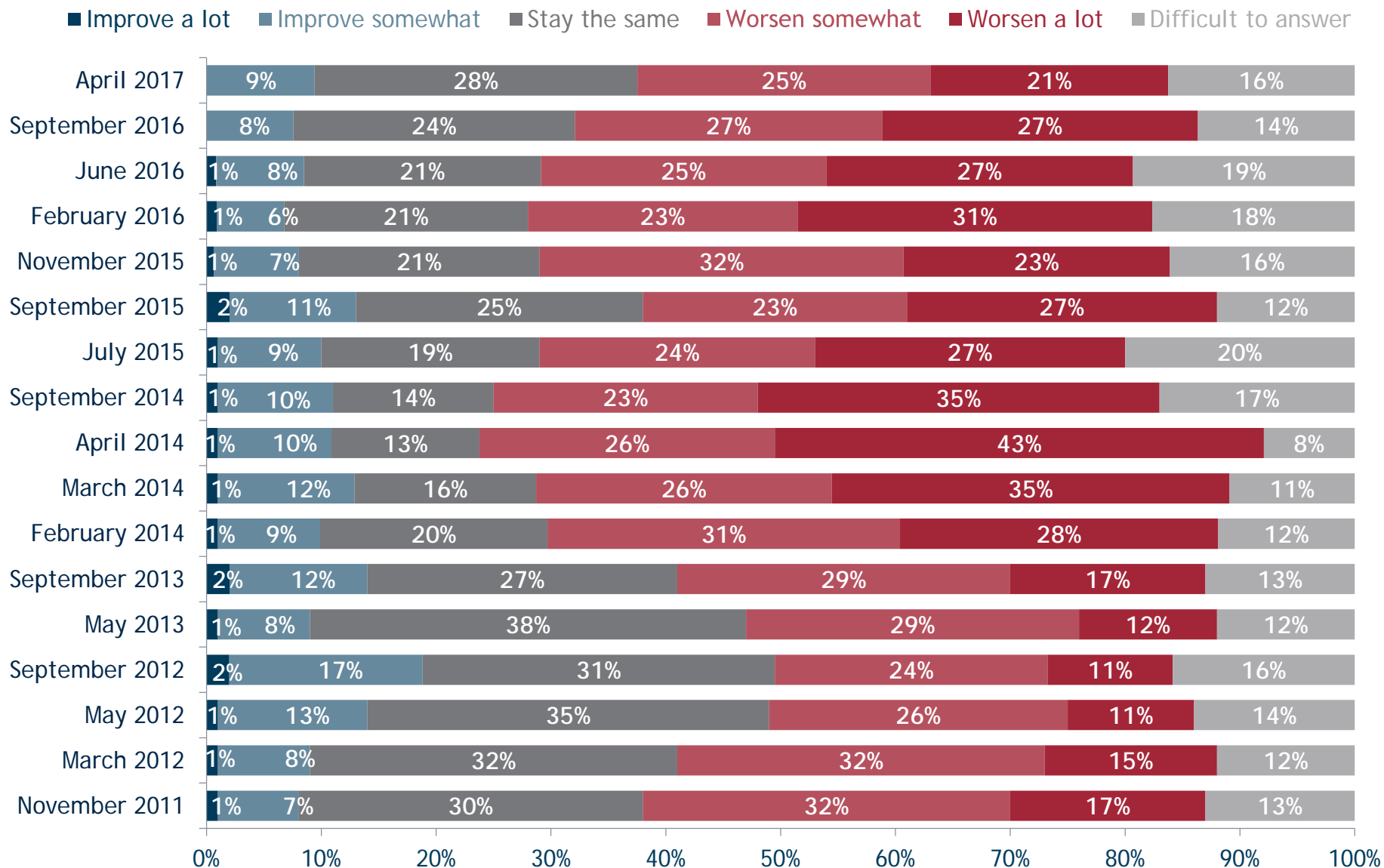
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation of your household changed?



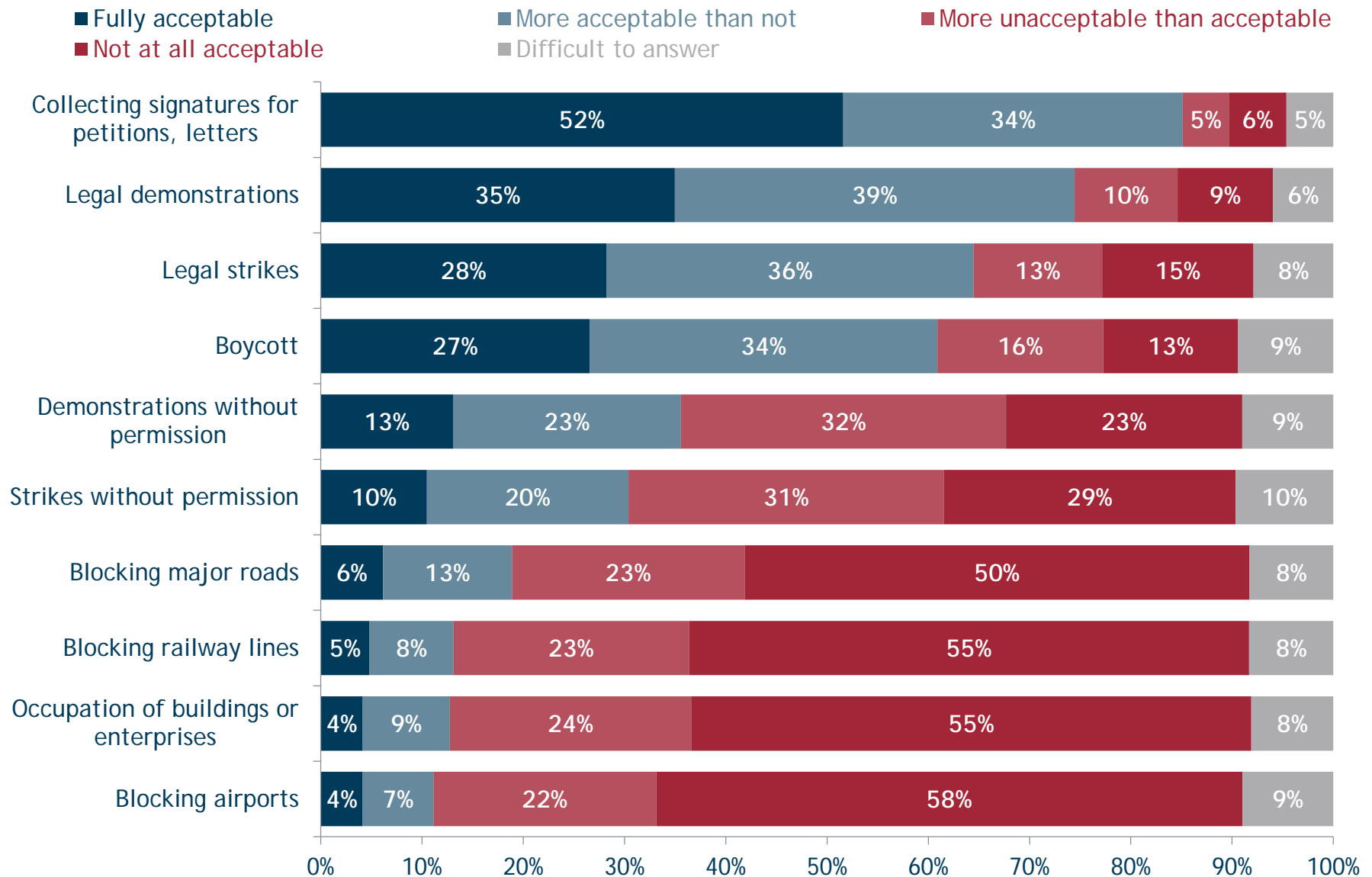
Over the last 6 months, how has the economic situation of your household changed?



In the next 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation in Ukraine to change?



Do you think it is acceptable for groups of people to use each of the following methods of protests?





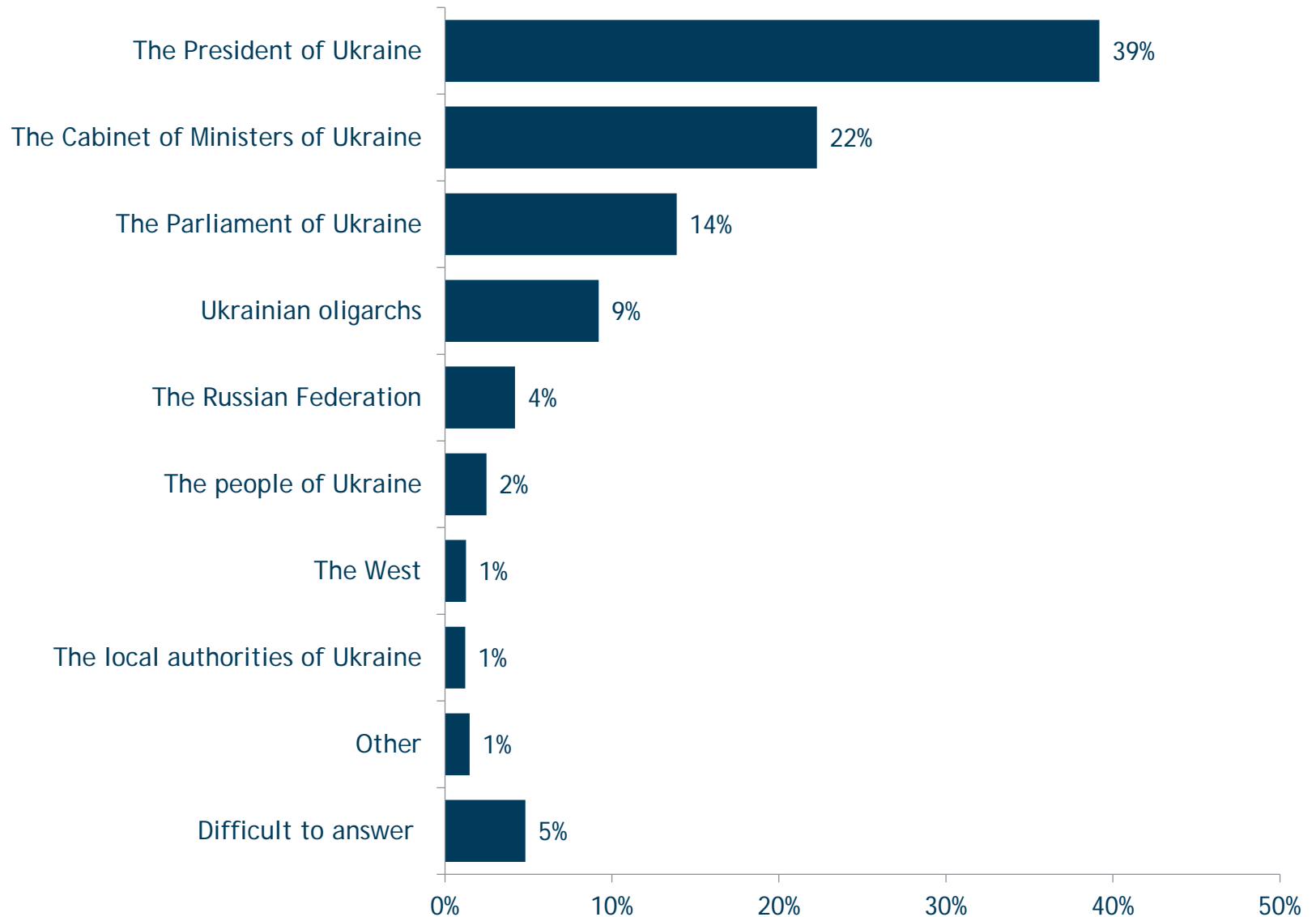
Assessment of Ukrainian Authorities' Performance



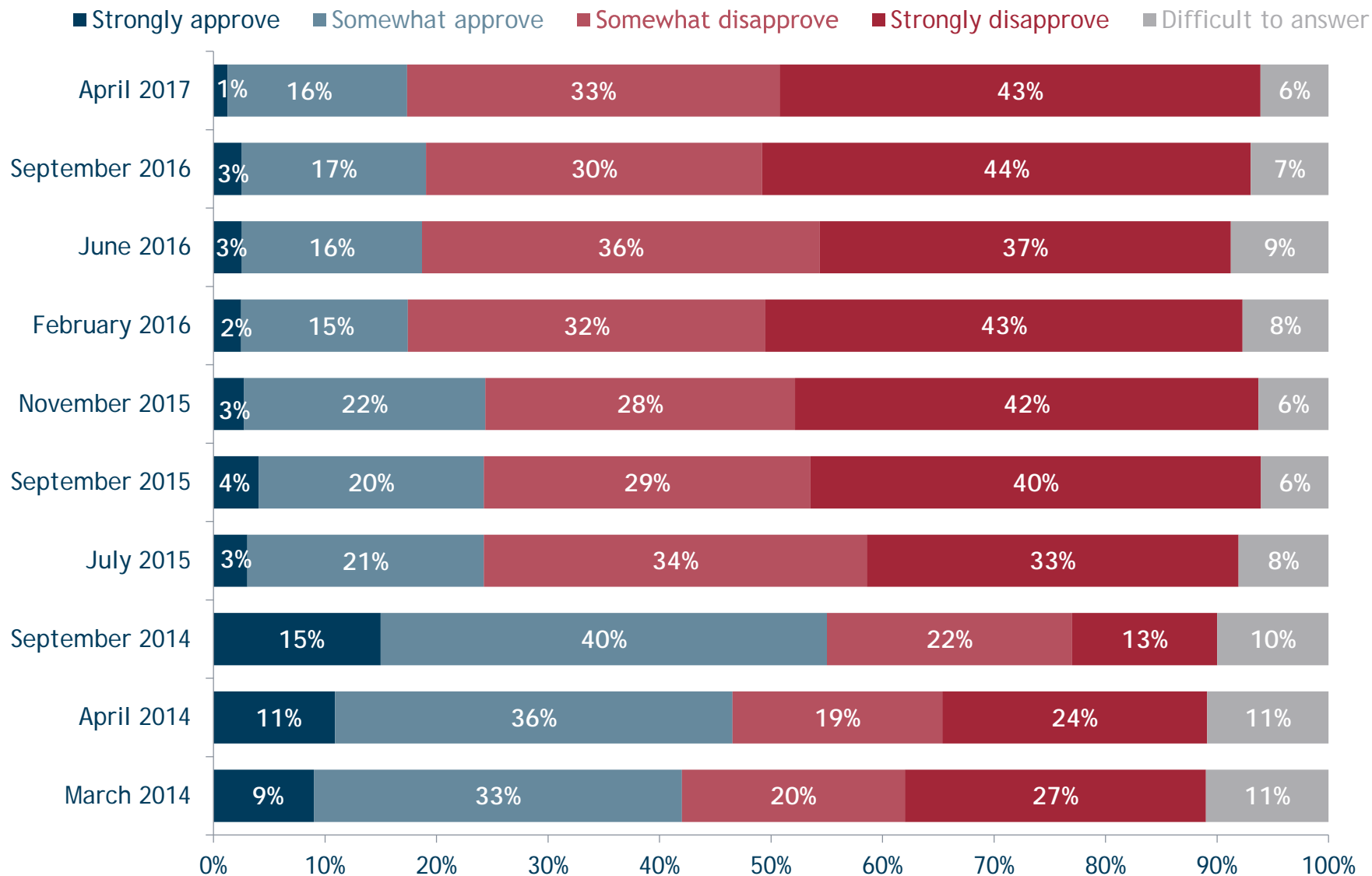
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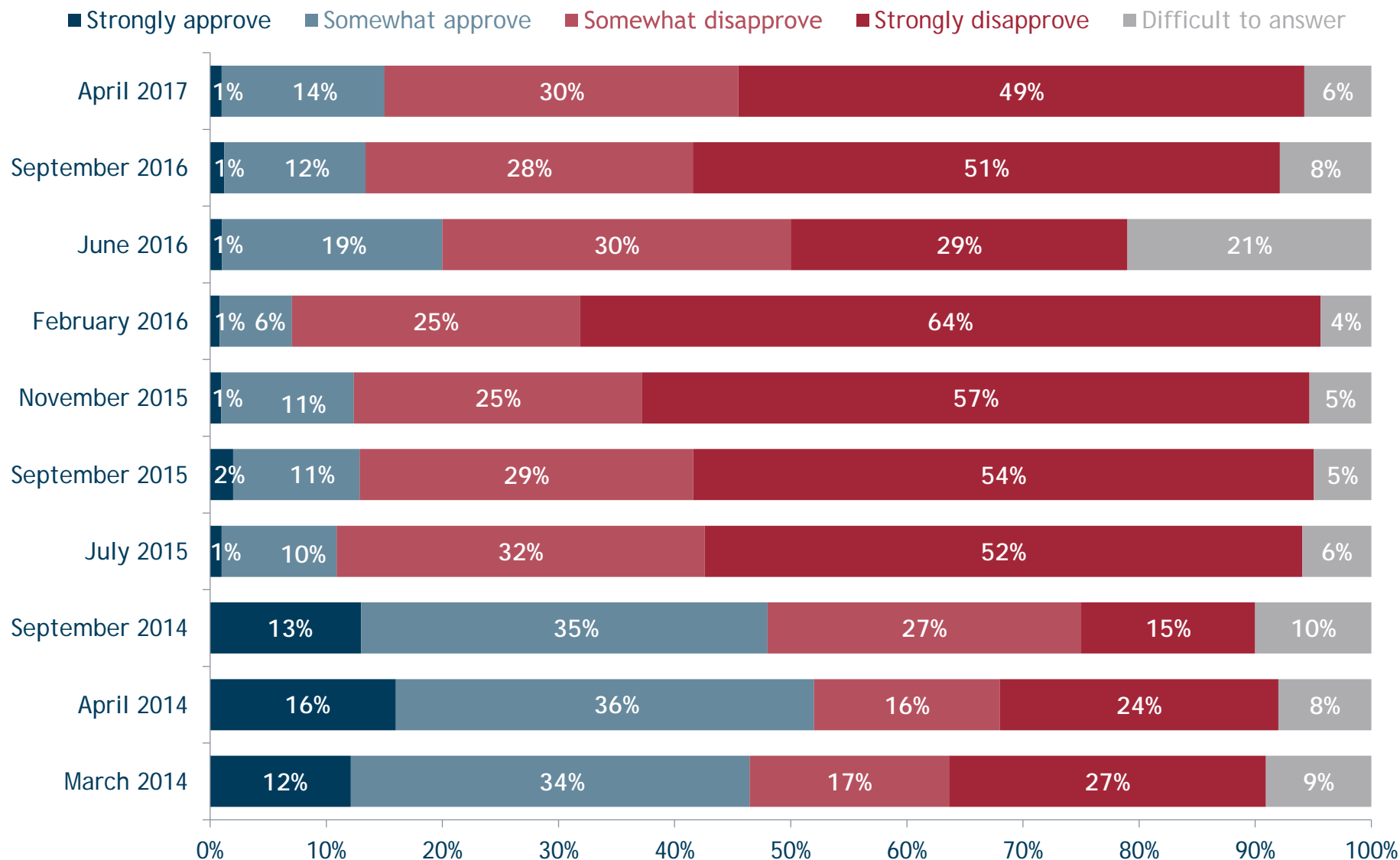
Who bears primary responsibility for today's situation in Ukraine?



Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko?

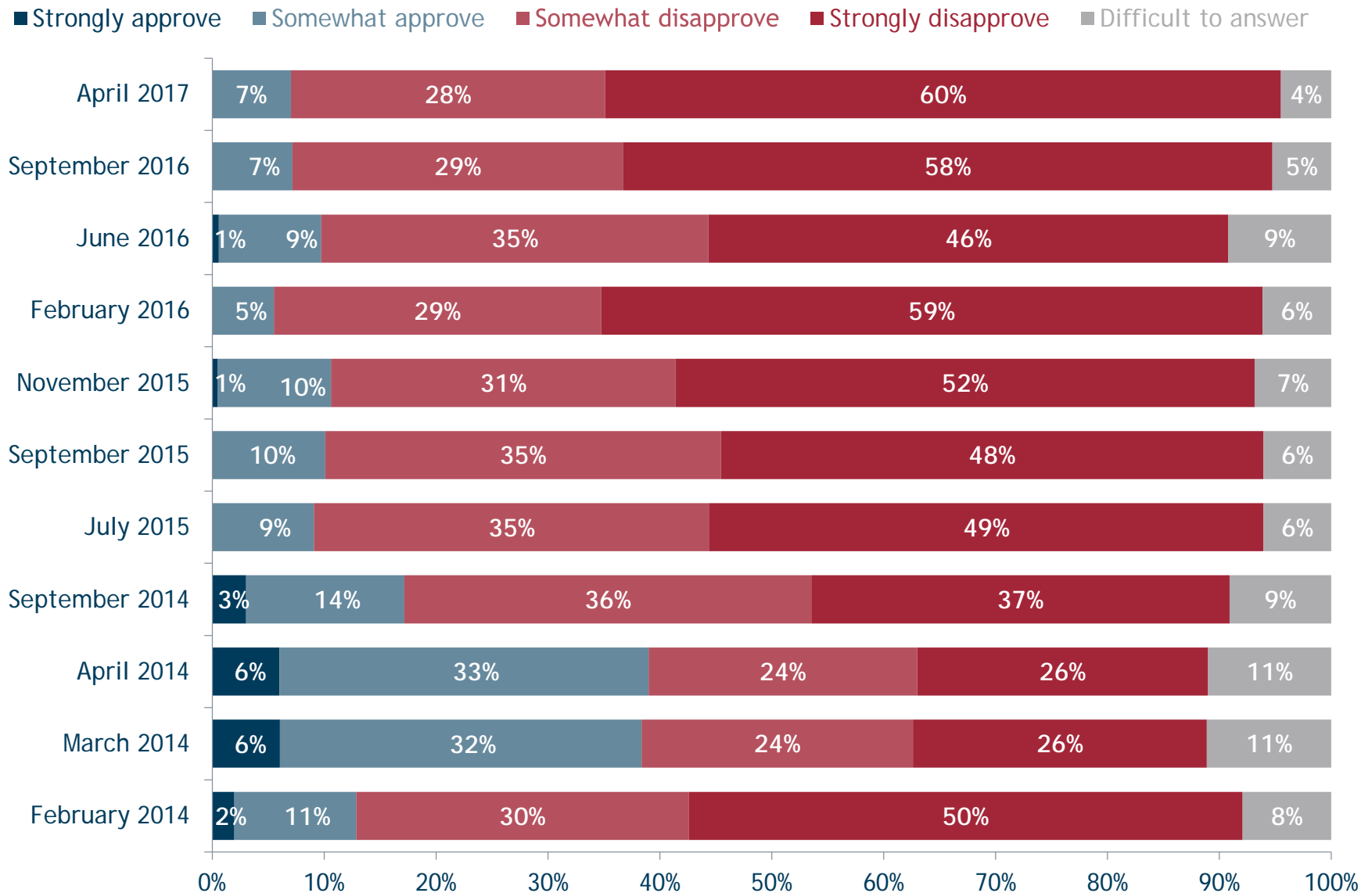


Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the Cabinet of Ministers under the leadership of Volodymyr Hroisman?

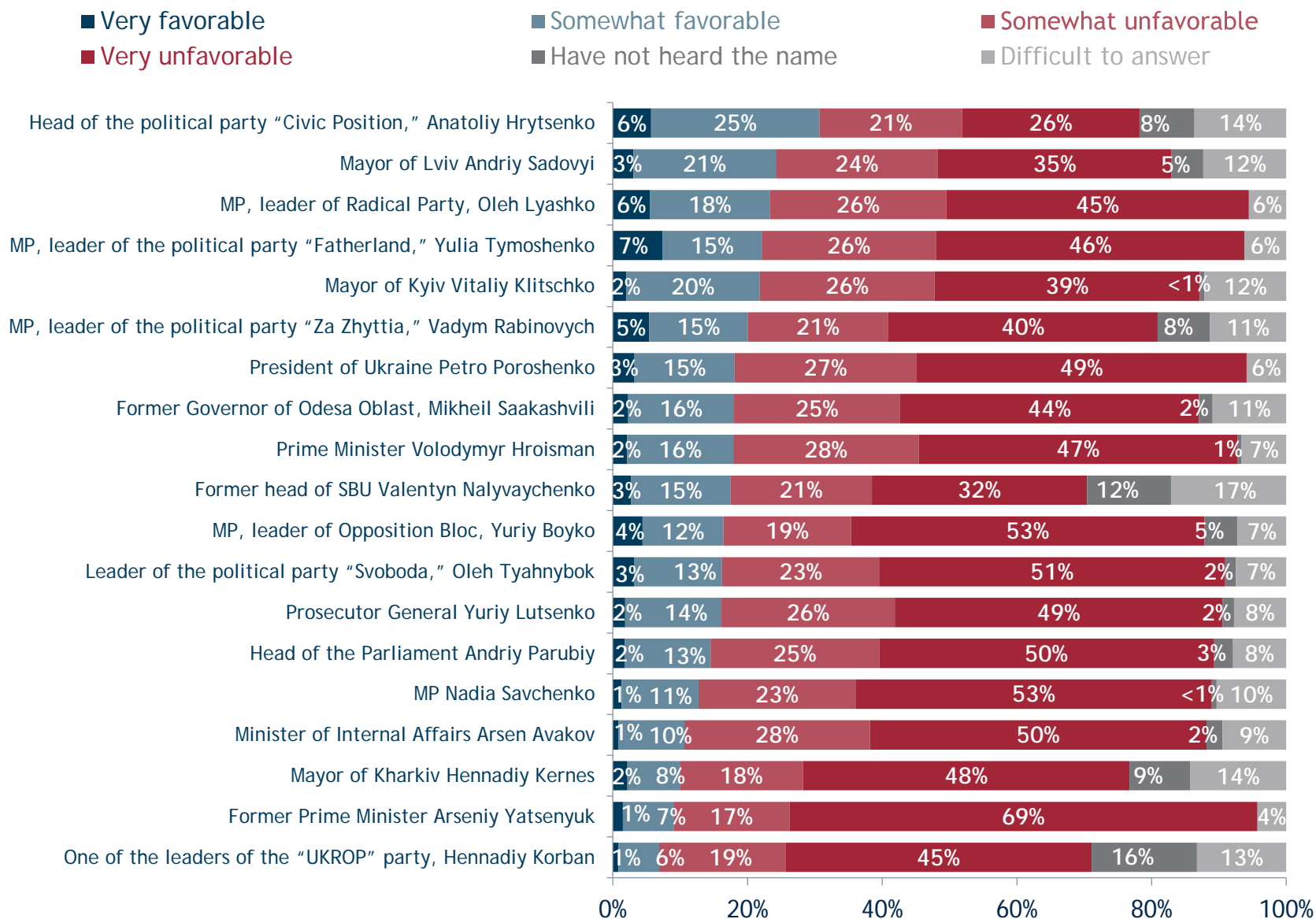


* Volodymyr Hroisman was appointed Prime Minister of Ukraine in April 2016.

Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the Parliament of Ukraine?



What is your opinion of each of the following Ukrainian politicians or members of the Ukrainian government?

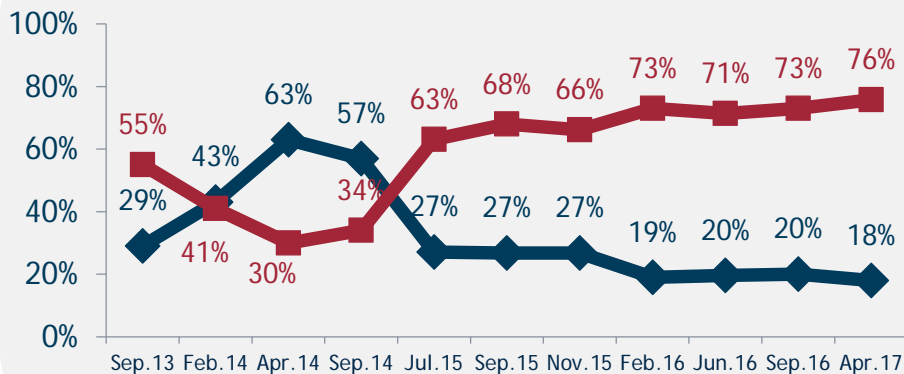


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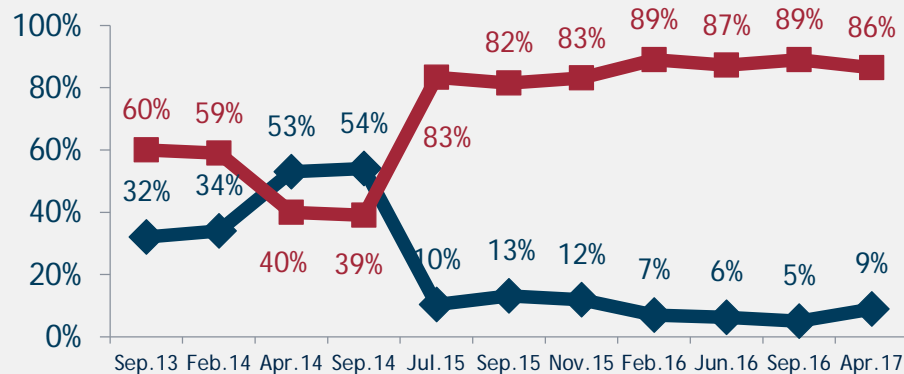
—●— Favorable

—■— Unfavorable

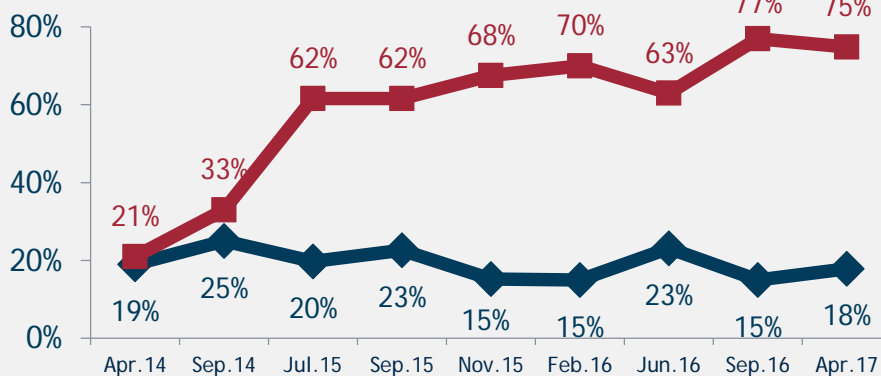
Petro Poroshenko



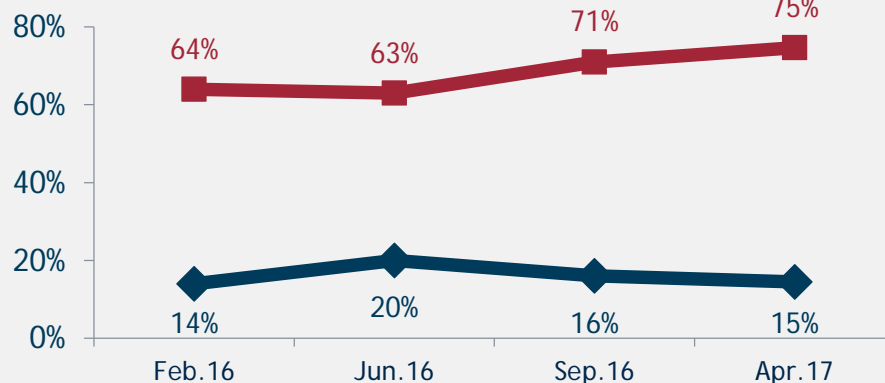
Arseniy Yatsenyuk



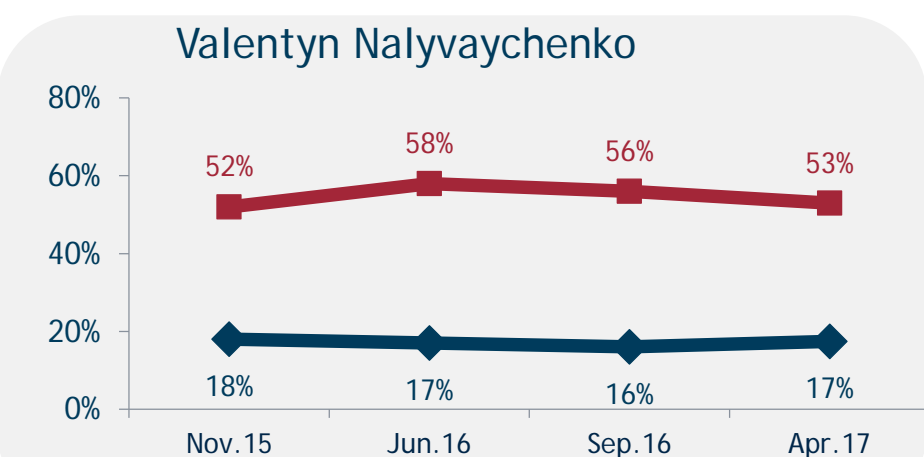
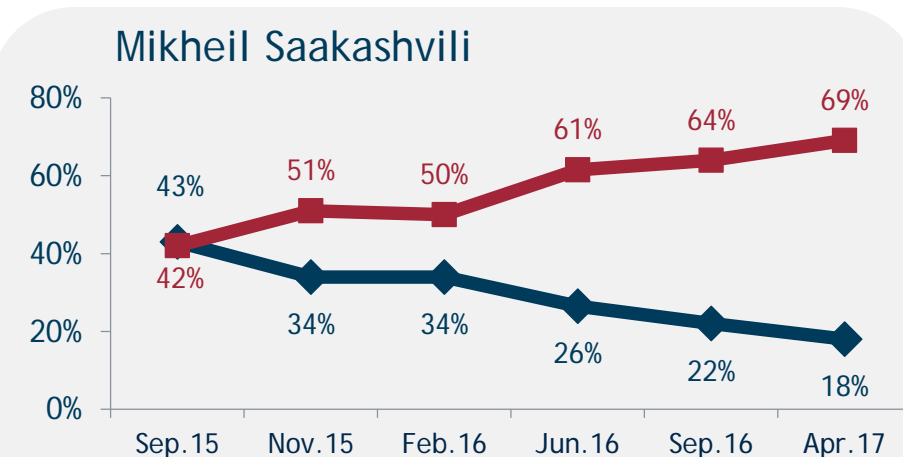
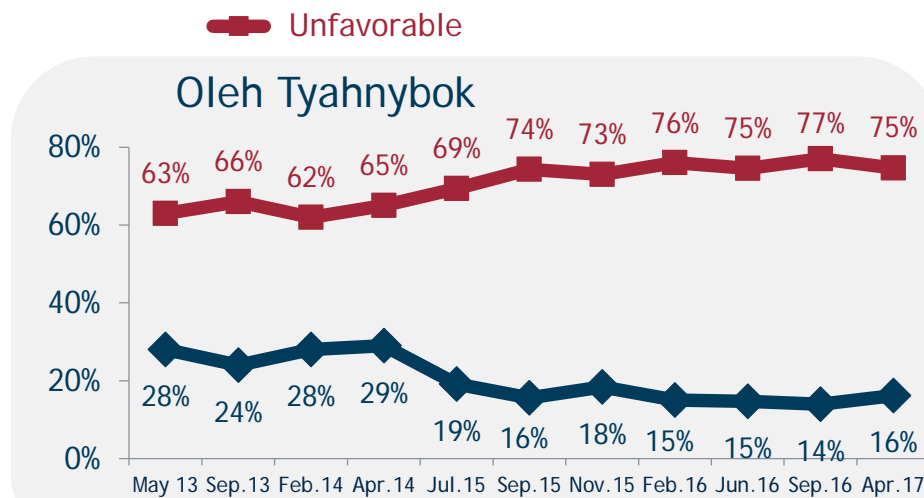
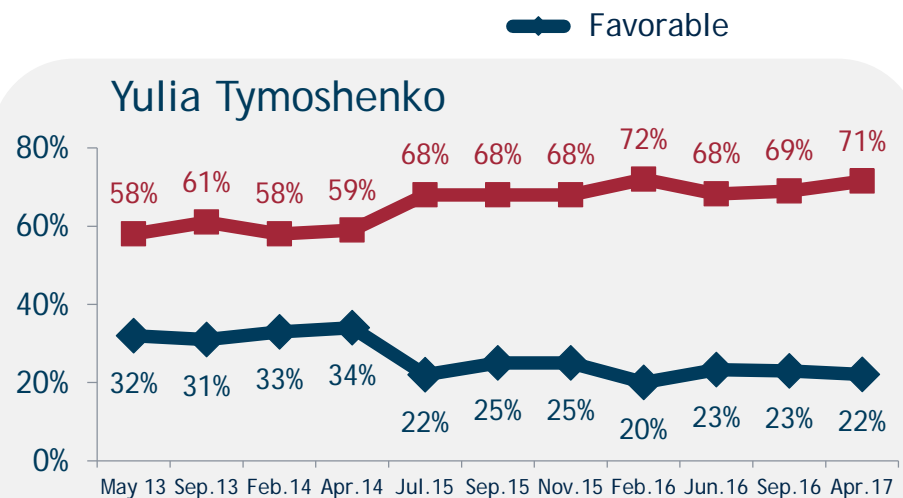
Volodymyr Hroisman



Andriy Parubiy



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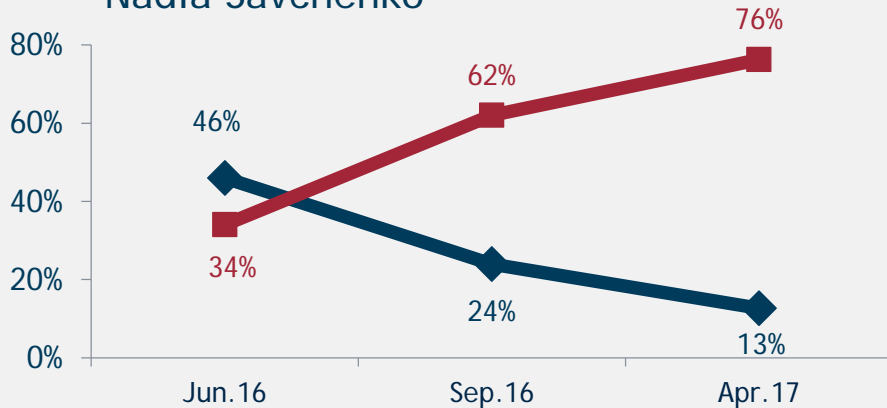


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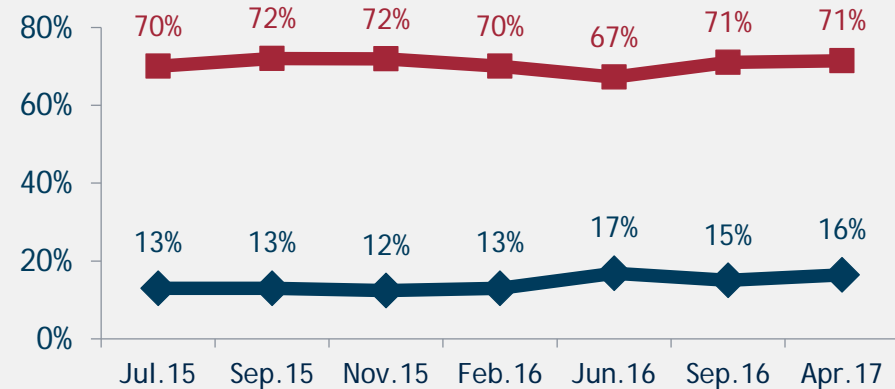
— Favorable

— Unfavorable

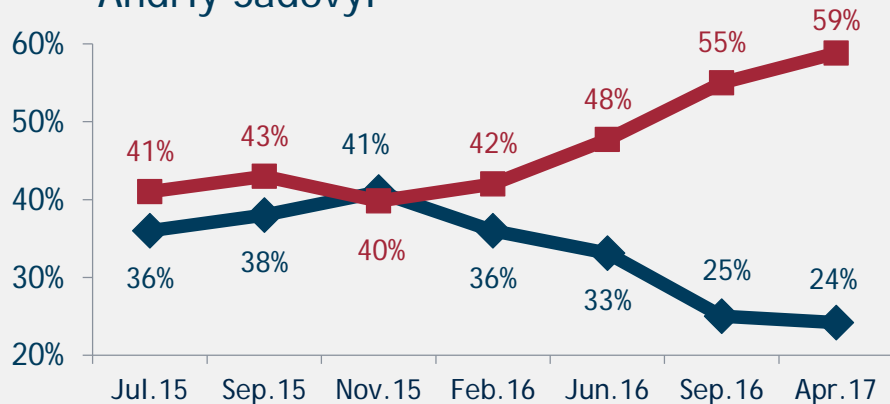
Nadia Savchenko



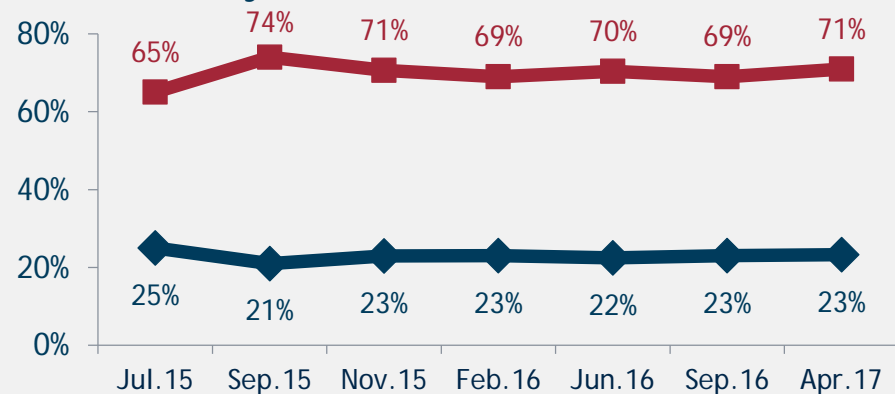
Yuriy Boyko



Andriy Sadovyi



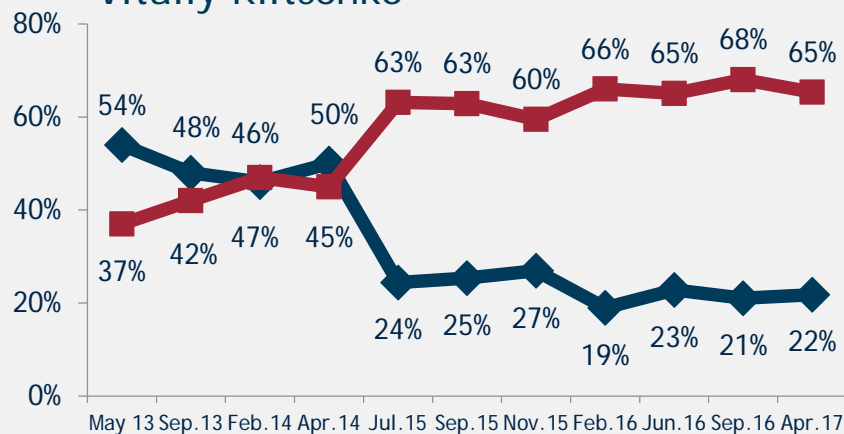
Oleh Lyashko



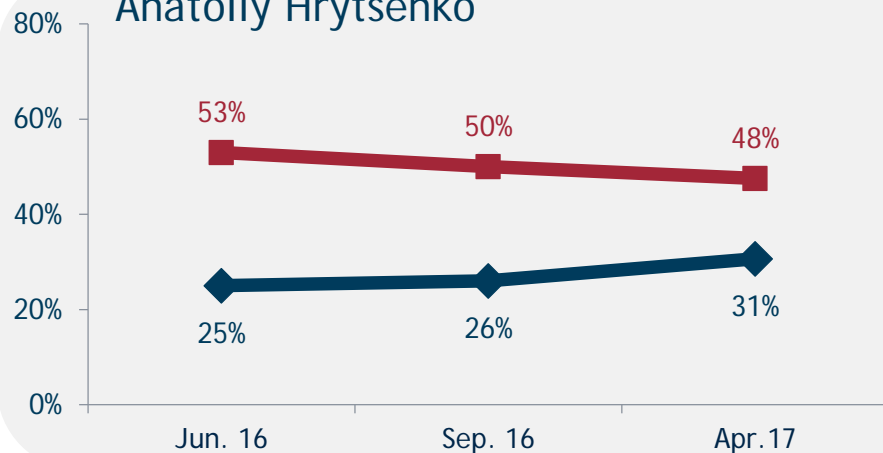
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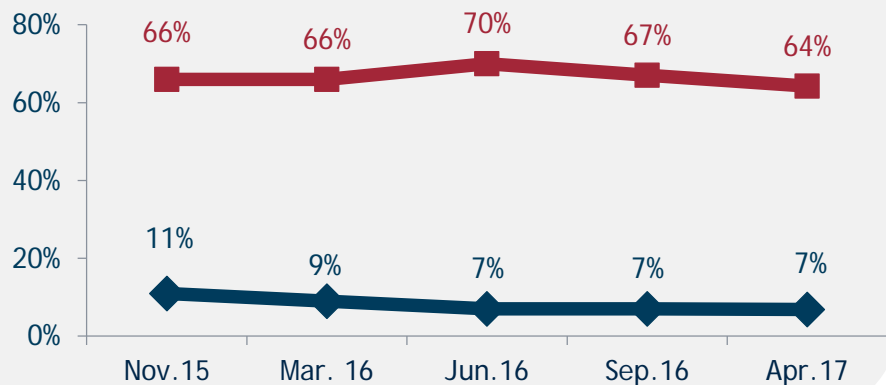
Vitaliy Klitschko



Anatoliy Hrytsenko



Hennadiy Korban





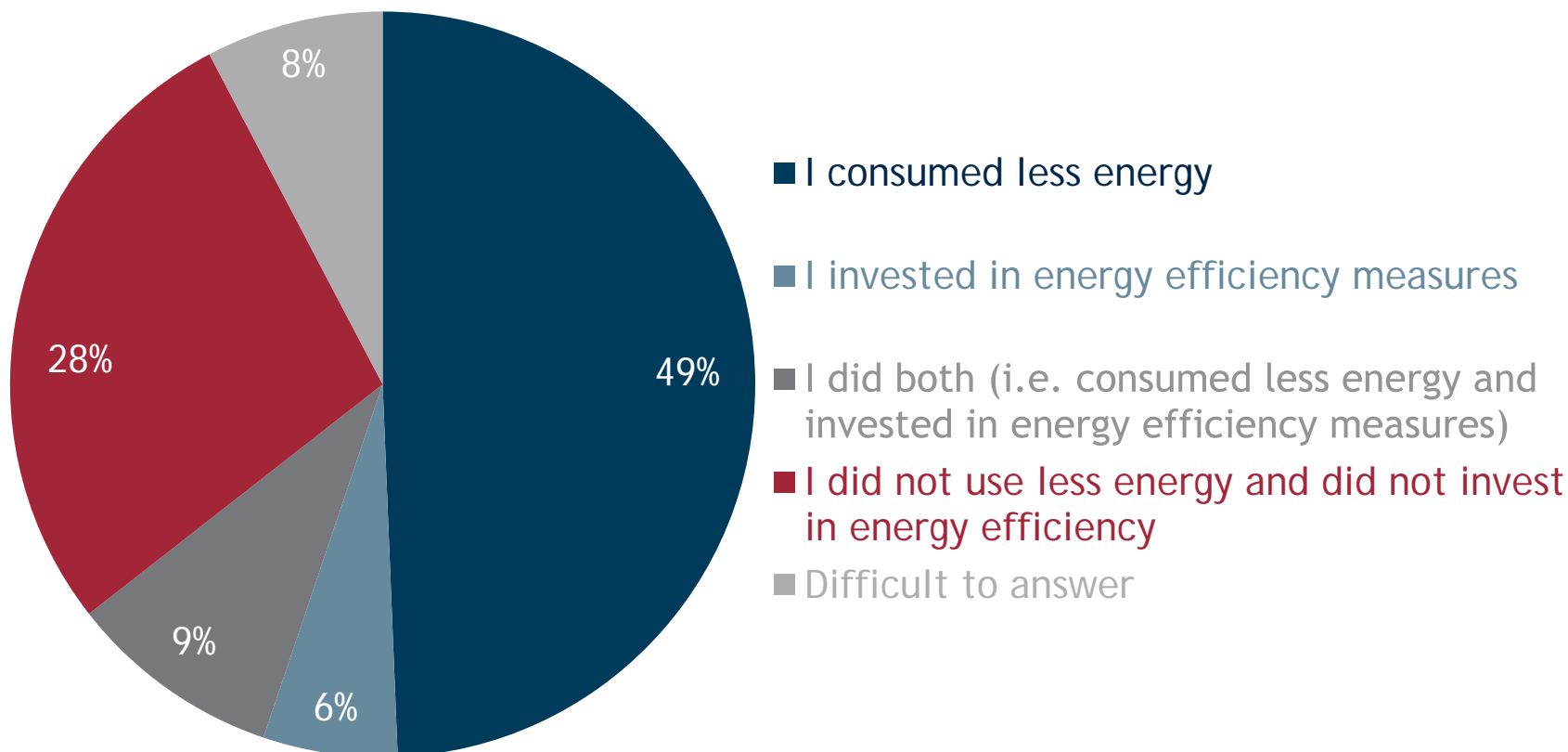
Energy and Utility Consumption



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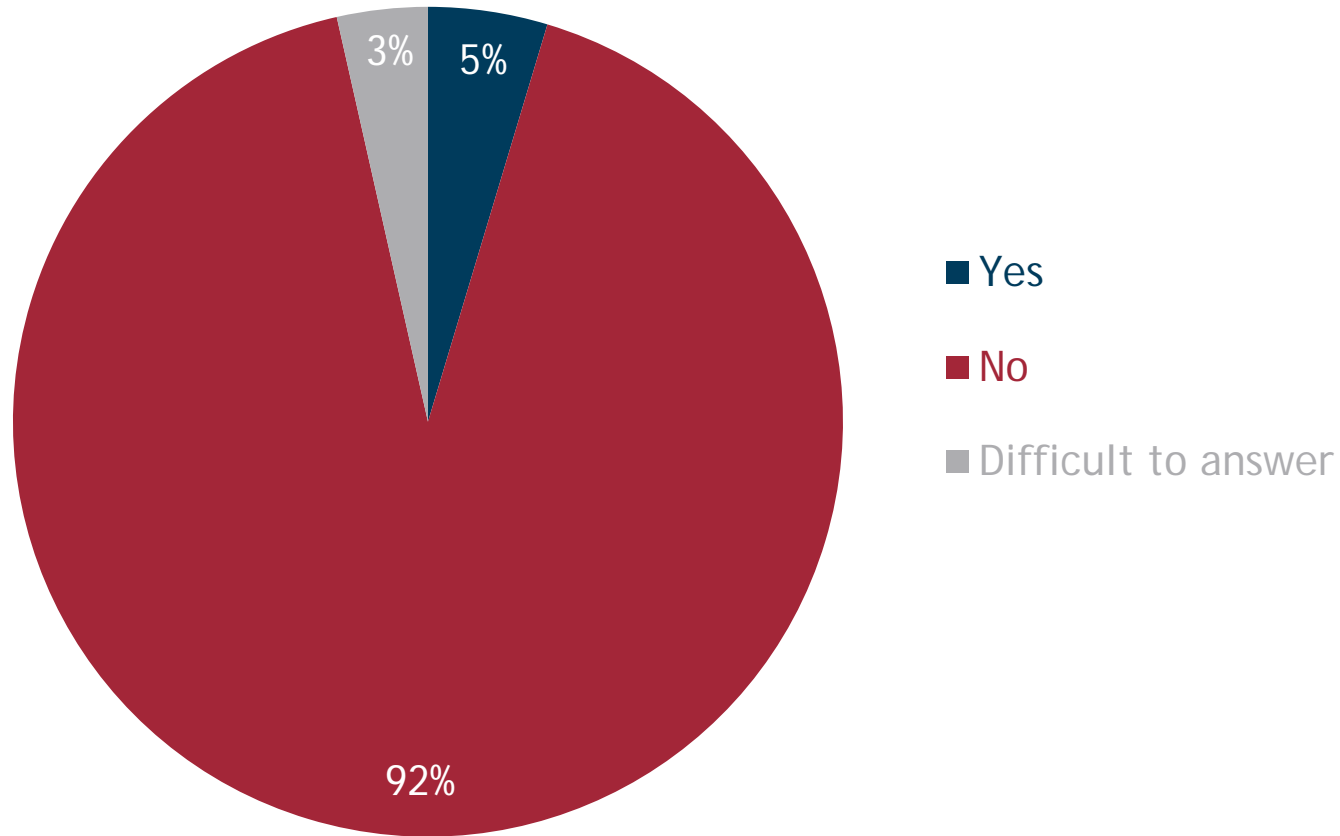
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Did you consume less energy or invest in energy efficiency measures for your household during this winter?



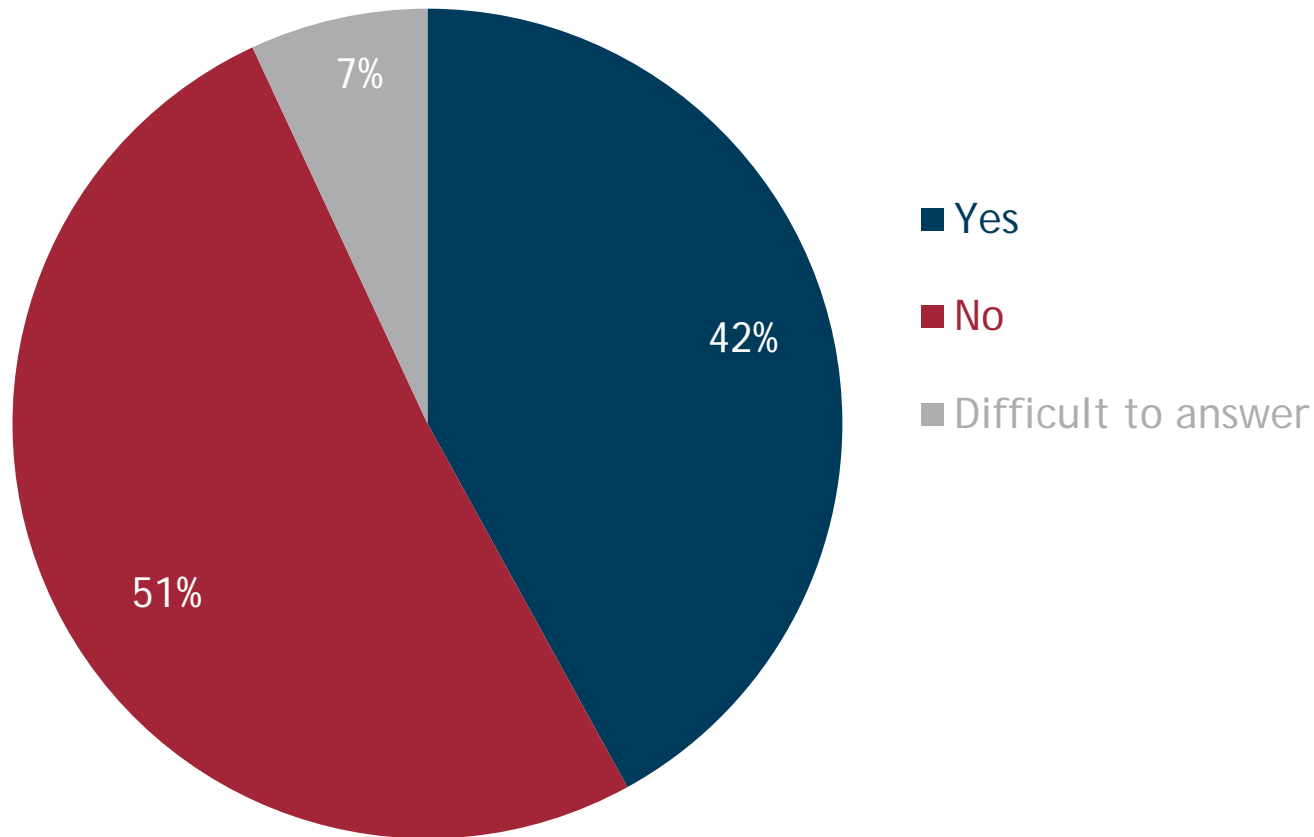
*Historically, the Ukrainian government has subsidized the price of utilities for households. In 2016, the International Monetary Fund required that Ukraine decrease its subsidies, increasing the prices of utilities for families during a period of ongoing economic hardship.

Did your household participate in the state program for “heating loans” aimed at improving the energy efficiency of your household?



Have you heard of the state program for “heating loans” aimed at improving the energy efficiency of your household?

(Respondents who did not participate in the “heating loans” program and those who had difficulty answering; n=2,289)





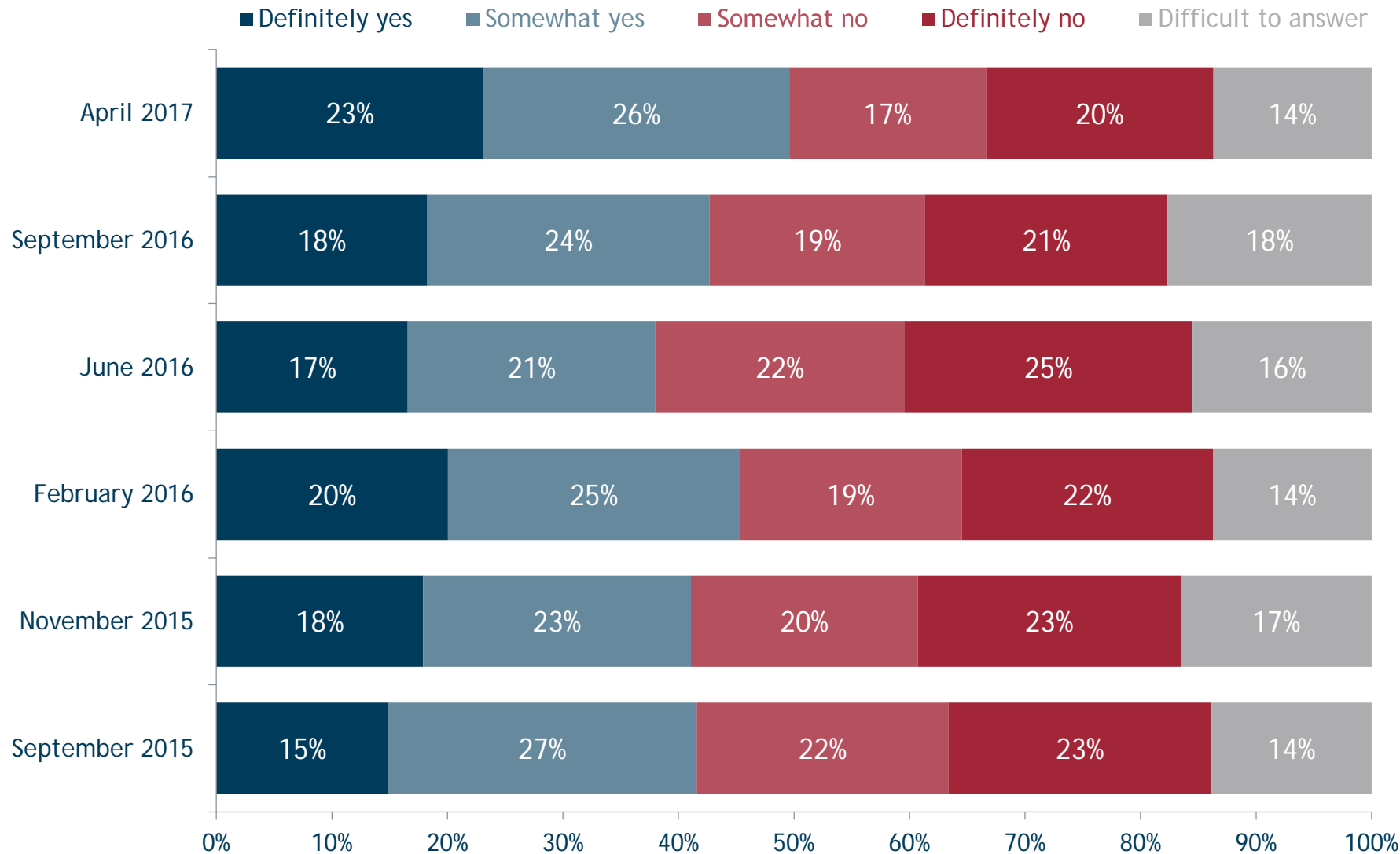
Electoral Mood



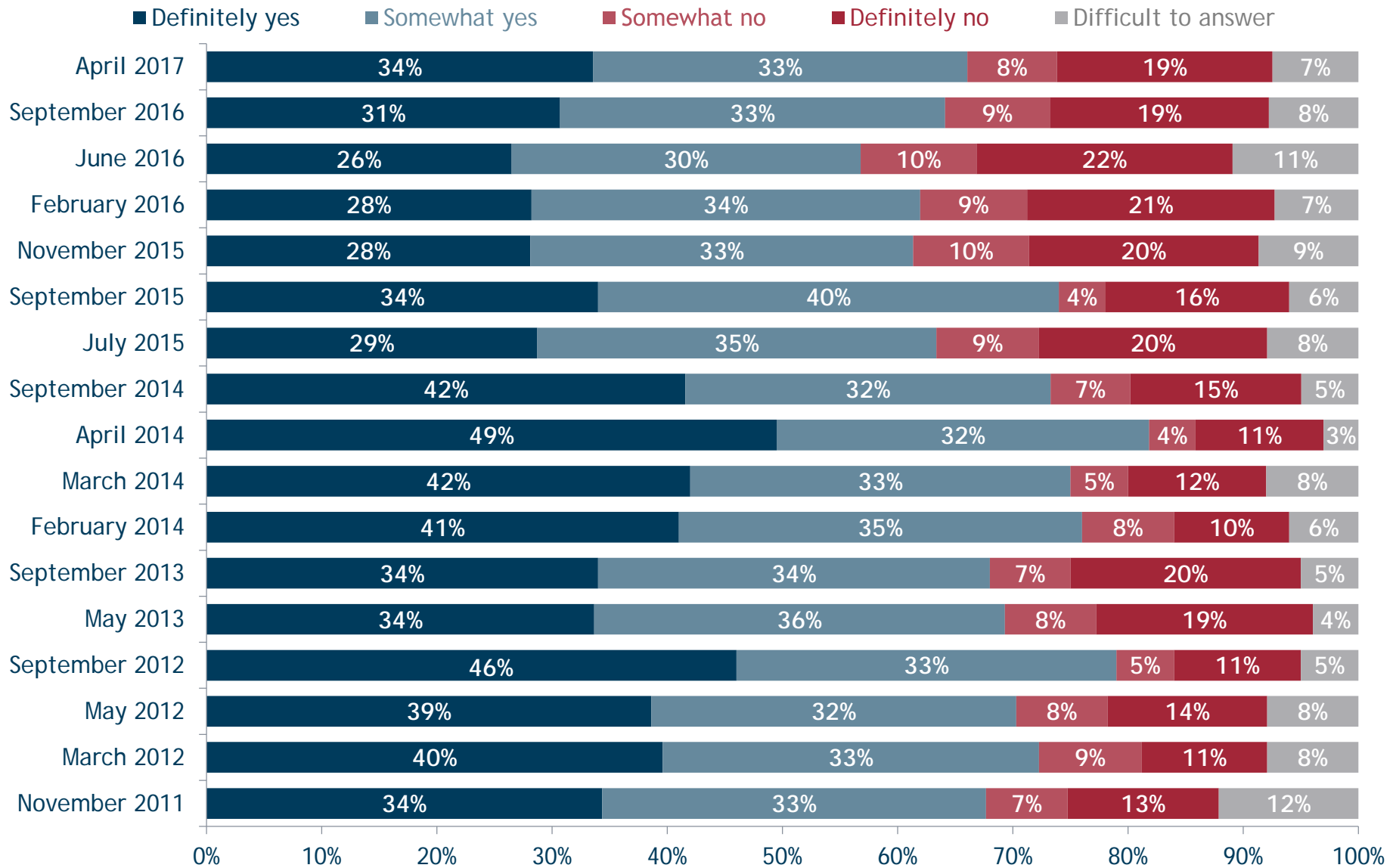
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Do you support the idea of holding early parliamentary elections in Ukraine?

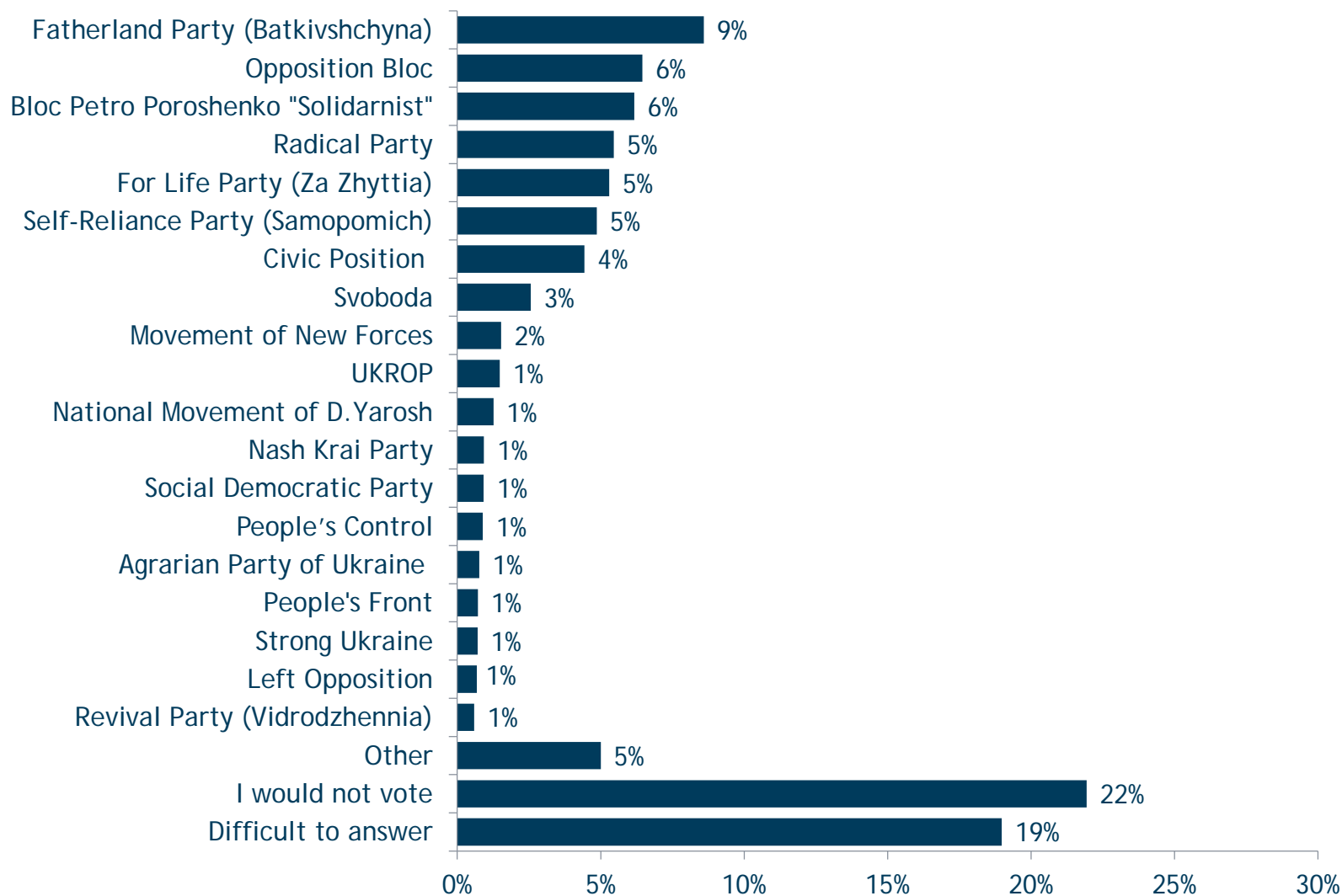


If early parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, would you vote?



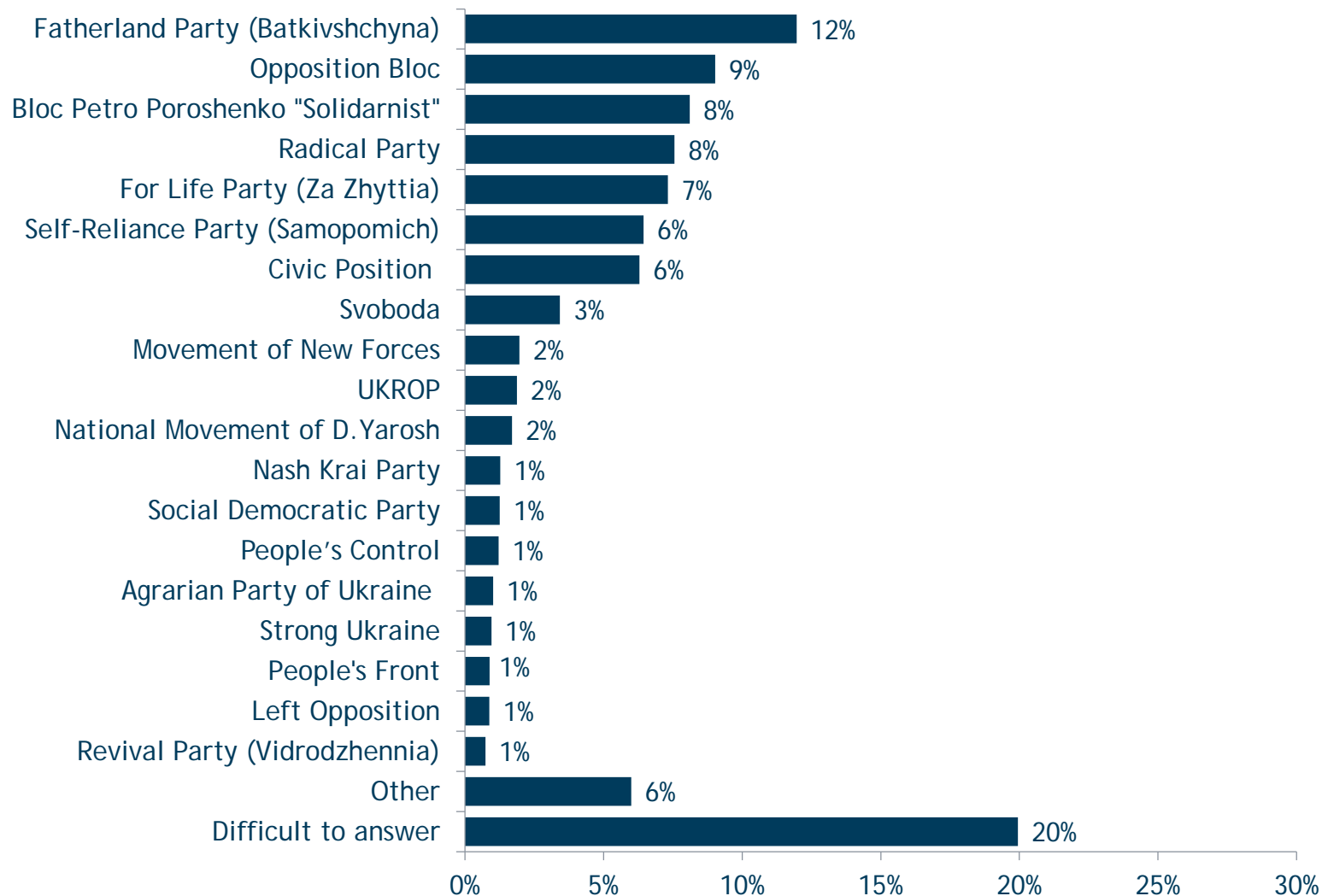
If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated, for which party would you vote?

(All respondents)



If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated, for which party would you vote? (continued)

(Likely voters, n=1,585)



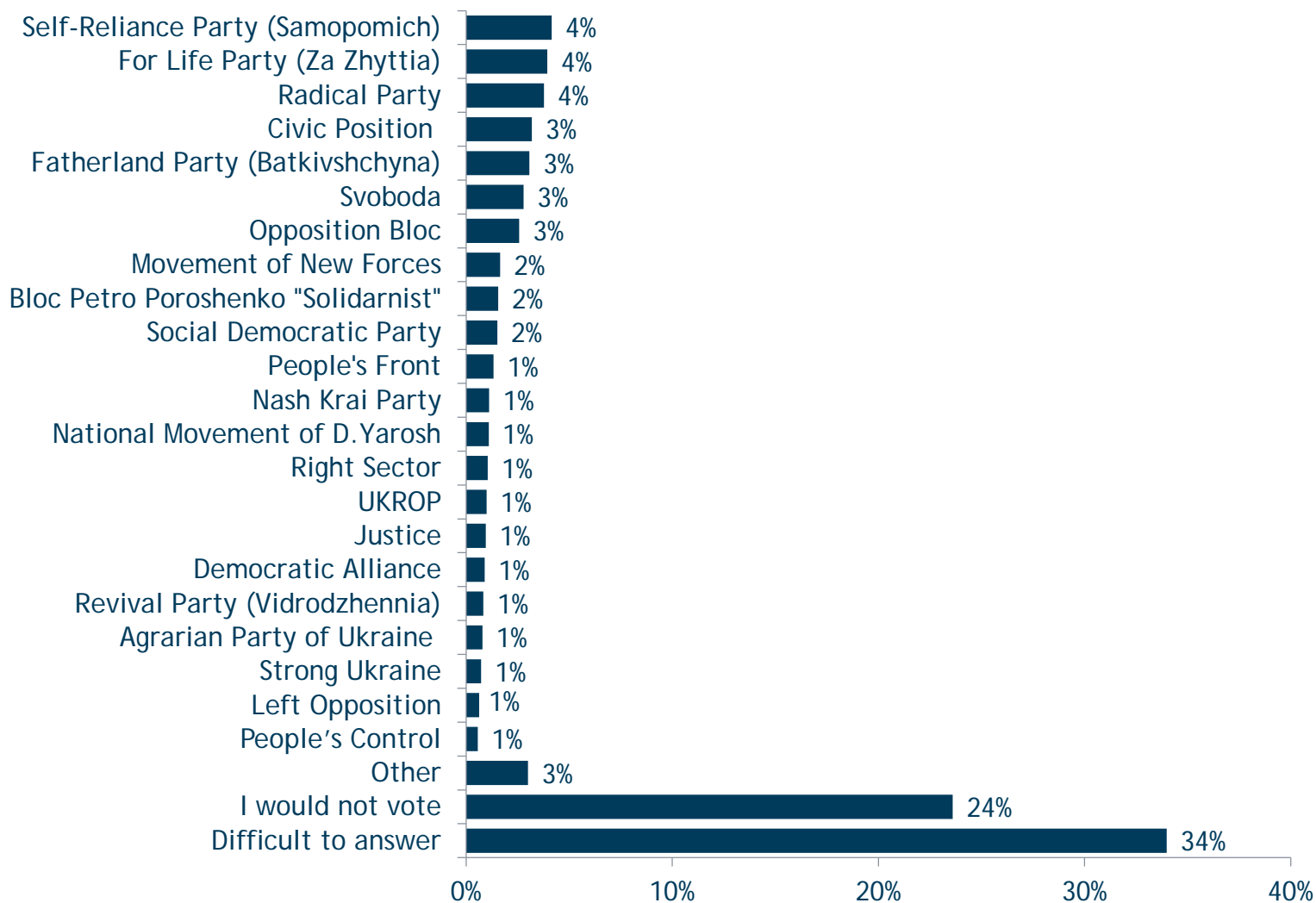
If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated, for which party would you vote? (continued)

(All respondents)

	Jul.15	Sep. 15	Nov.15	Feb.16	Jun.16	Sep.16	Apr. 17
Fatherland (Batkivshchyna)	6%	9%	8%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Bloc Petro Poroshenko "Solidarnist"	8%	10%	11%	7%	7%	8%	6%
Opposition Bloc	6%	8%	8%	8%	10%	6%	6%
Radical Party	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%
Self-Reliance (Samopomich)	7%	9%	7%	8%	5%	5%	5%
Civic Position	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	4%
For Life Party (Za Zhyttia)	-	-	-	-	-	3%	5%
Svoboda	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Strong Ukraine	1%	1%	-	1%	-	2%	1%
Revival Party (Vidrodzhennia)	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Movement of New Forces	-	-	-	-	2%	1%	2%
UKROP	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Other party	13%	12%	10%	9%	9%	10%	11%
I would not vote	24%	16%	25%	27%	26%	21%	22%
Difficult to answer	20%	19%	17%	16%	19%	18%	19%

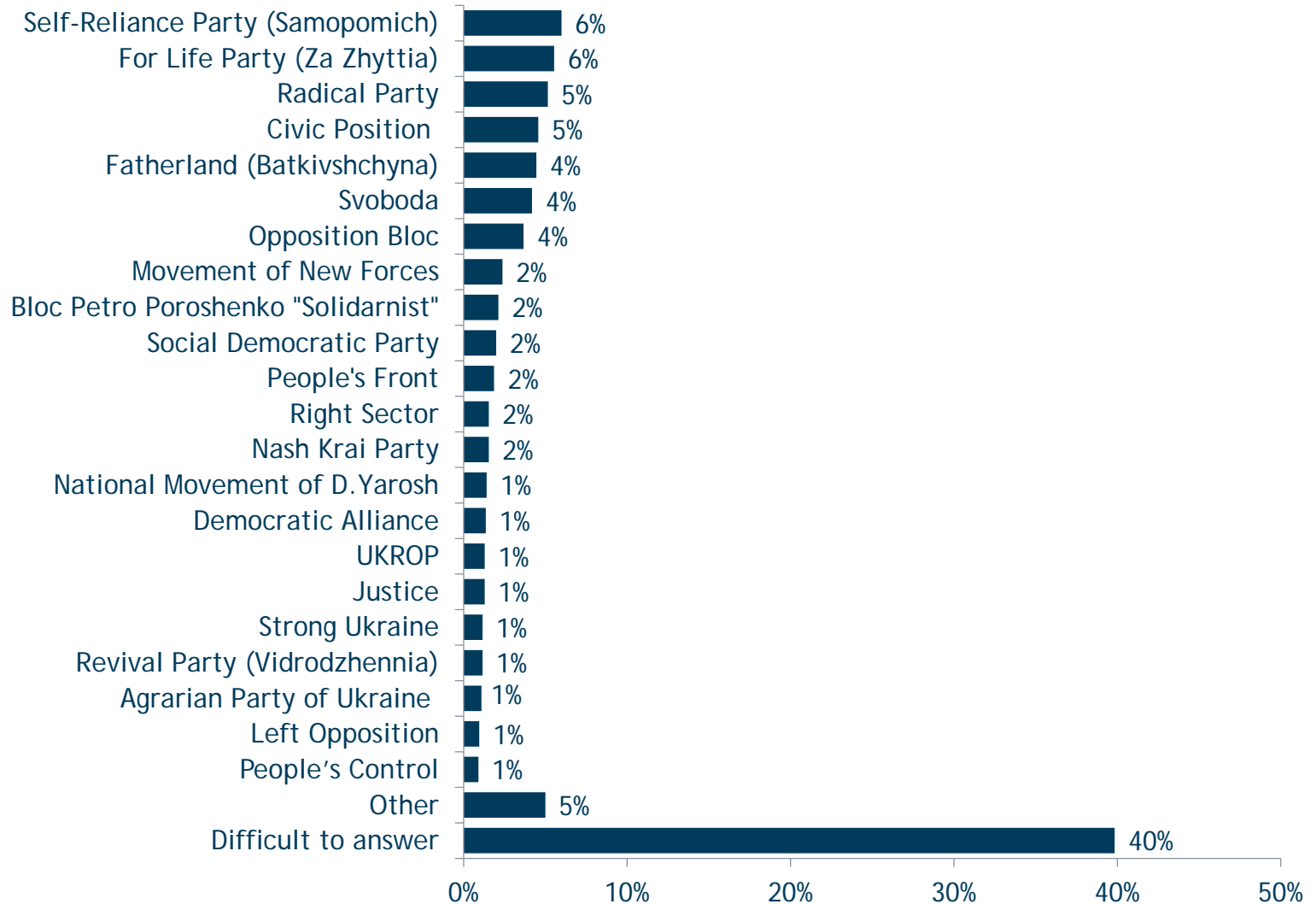
If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, for which other political party would you vote if the party that you previously selected did not participate in the elections?

(All respondents)



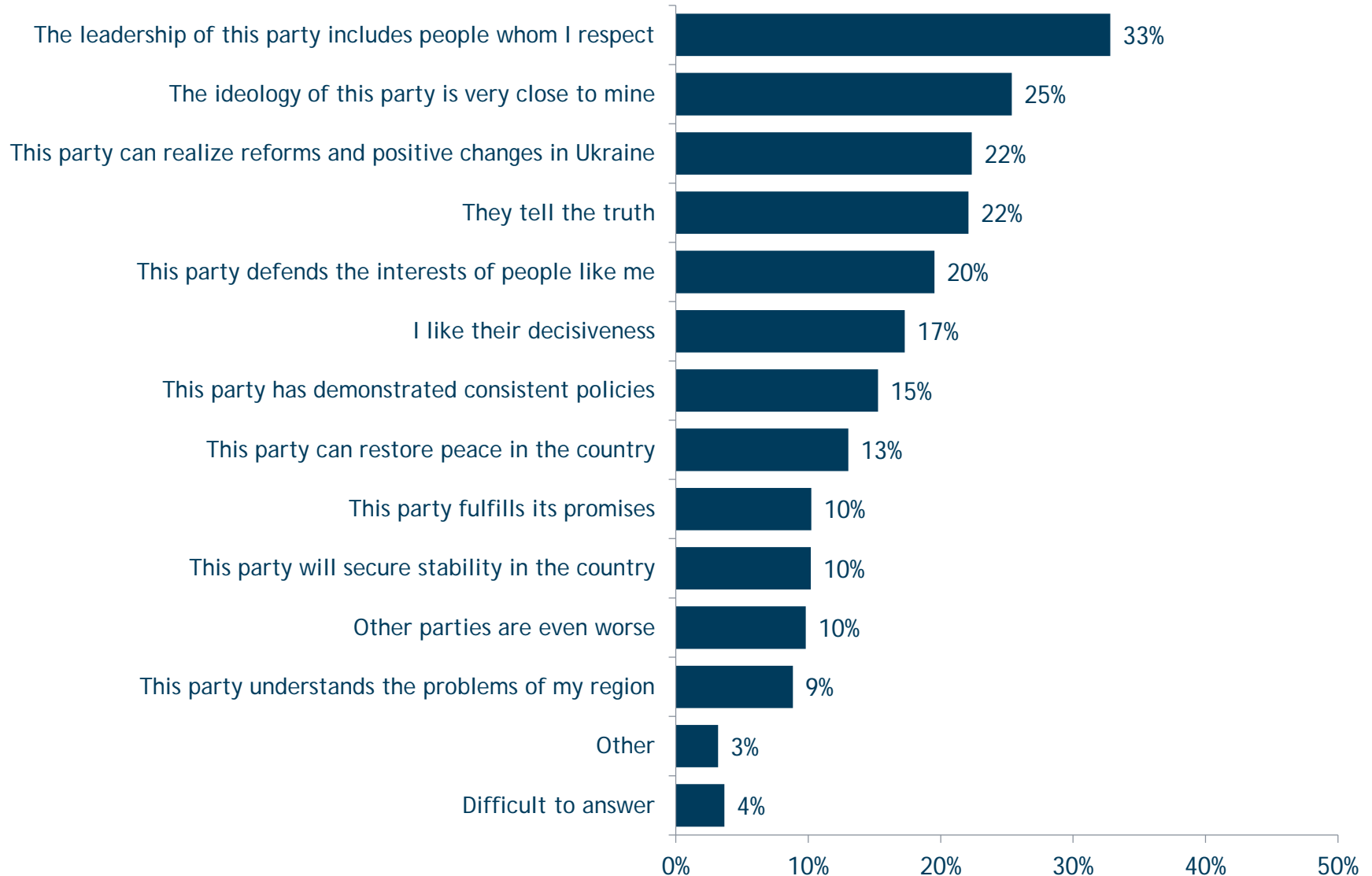
If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, for which other political party would you vote if the party that you previously selected did not participate in the elections?

(Likely voters, n=1,551)

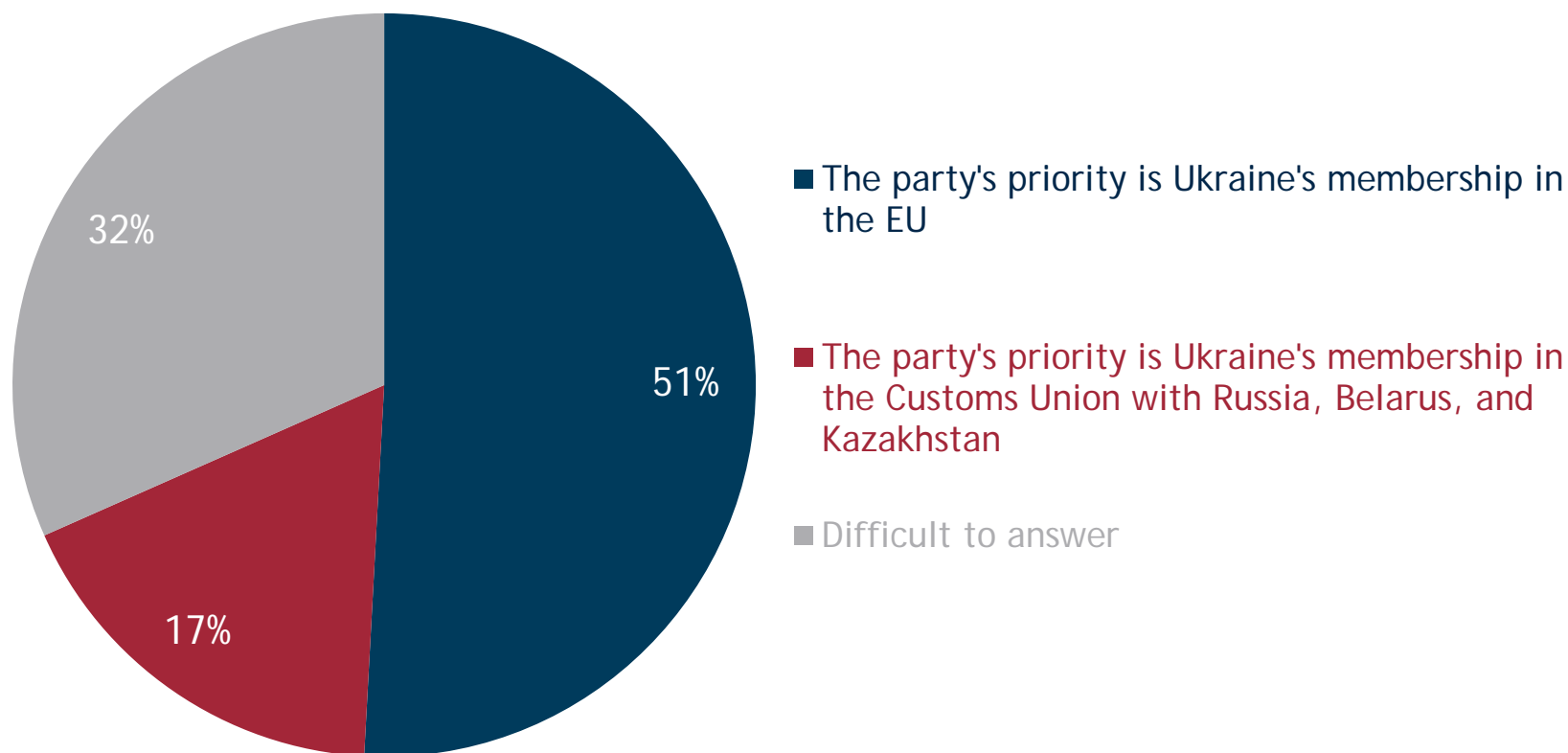


Why would you vote for this party?

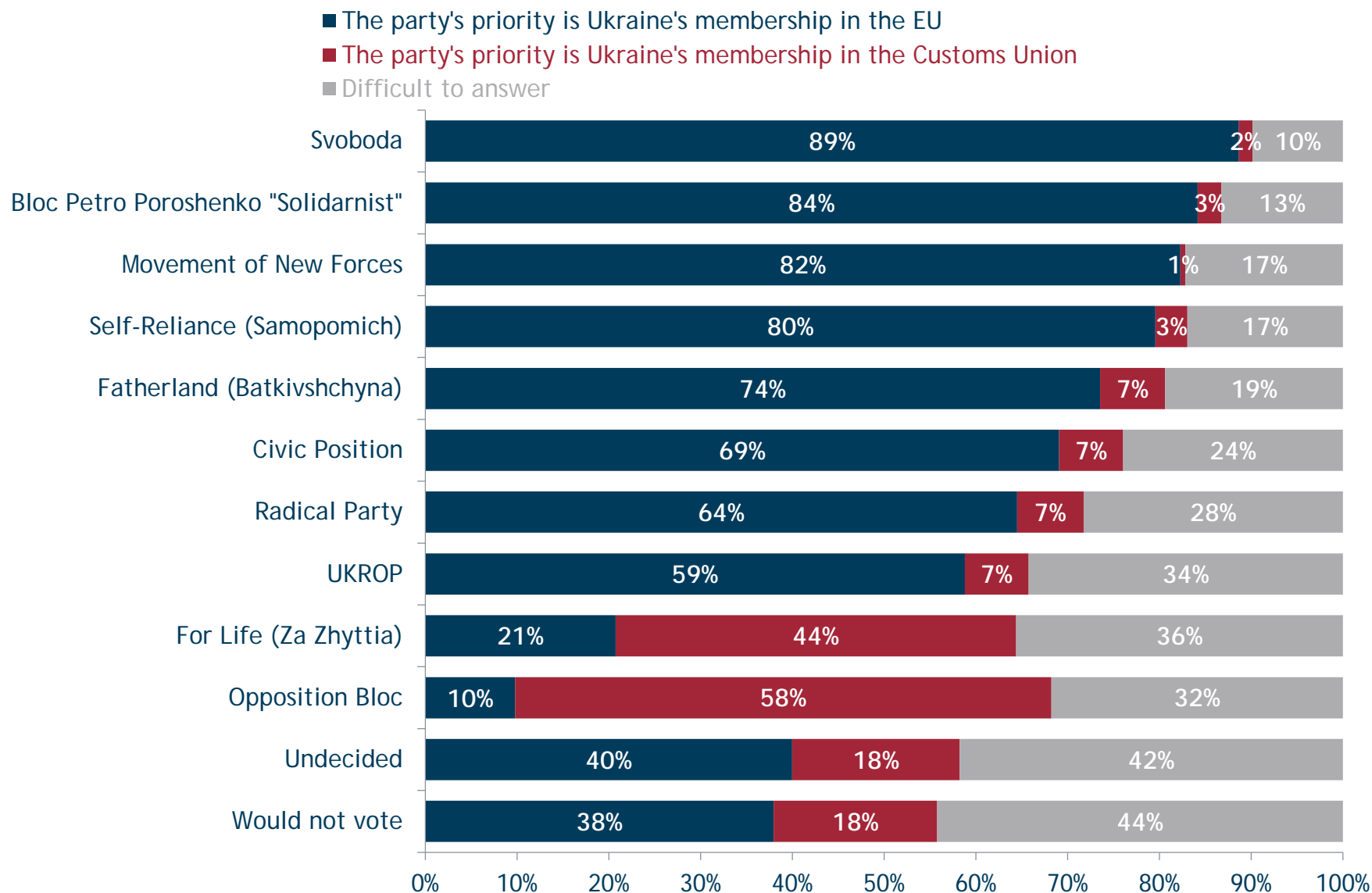
(Respondents who selected a party; n=1,415)



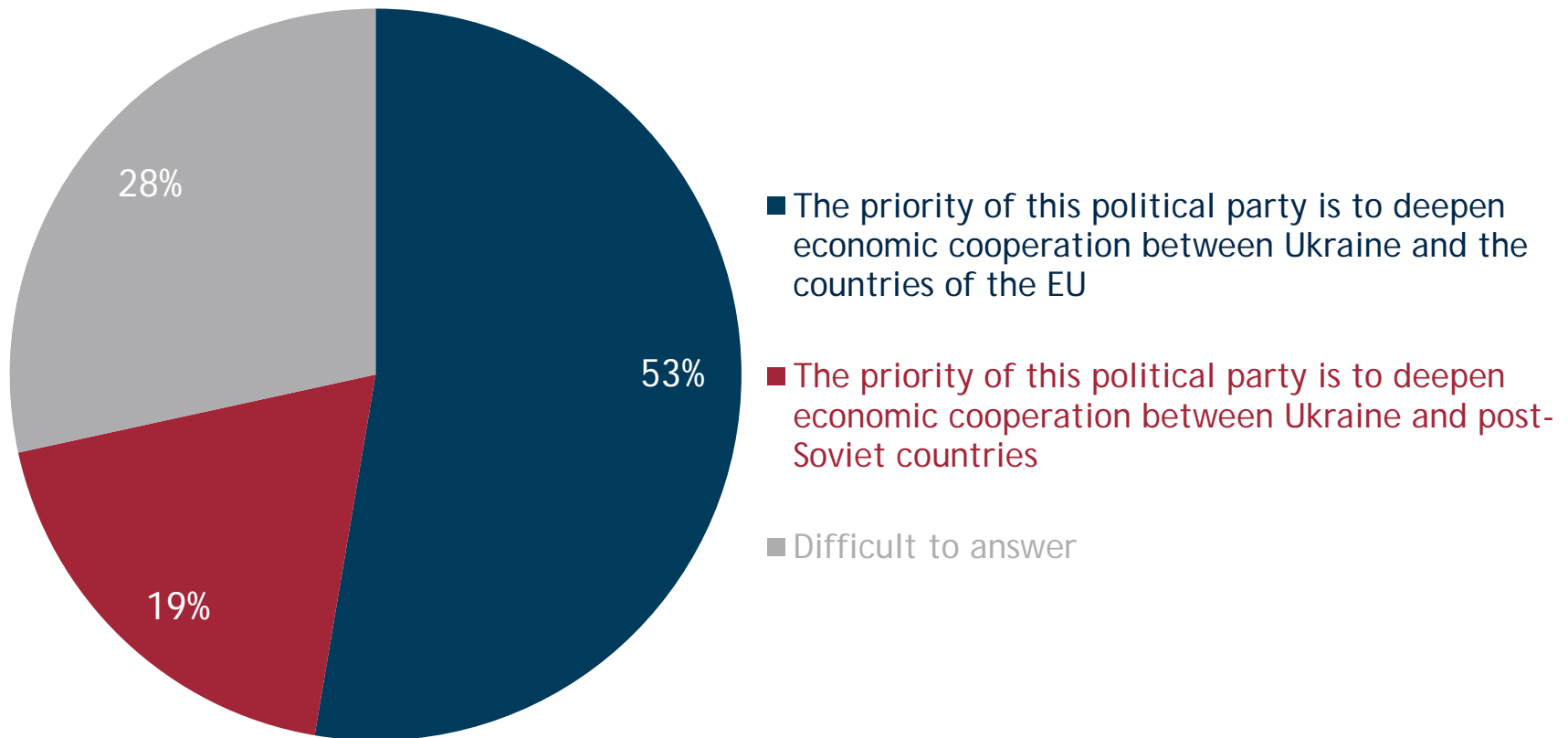
When electing a political party, which priority is closest to yours?



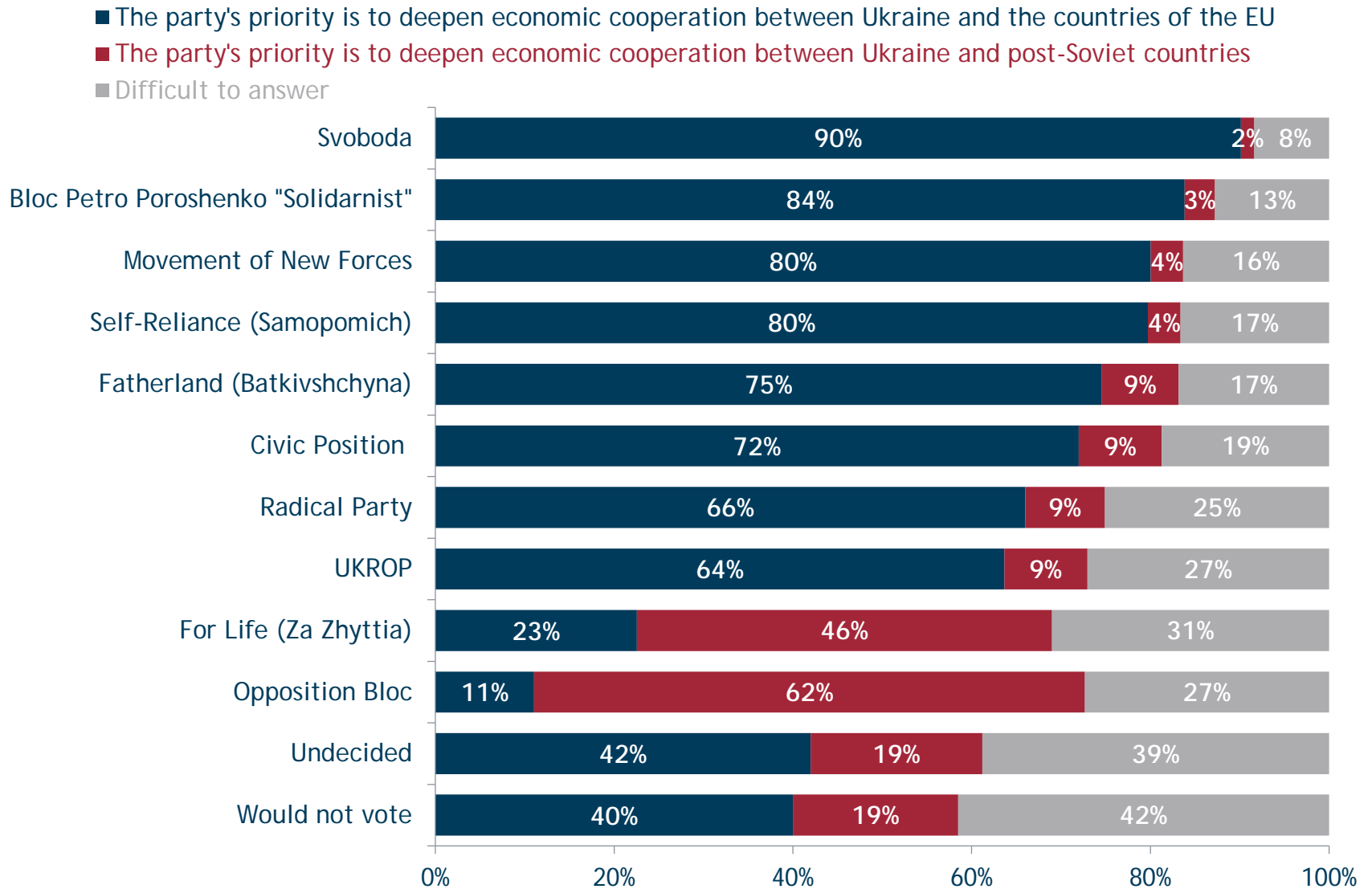
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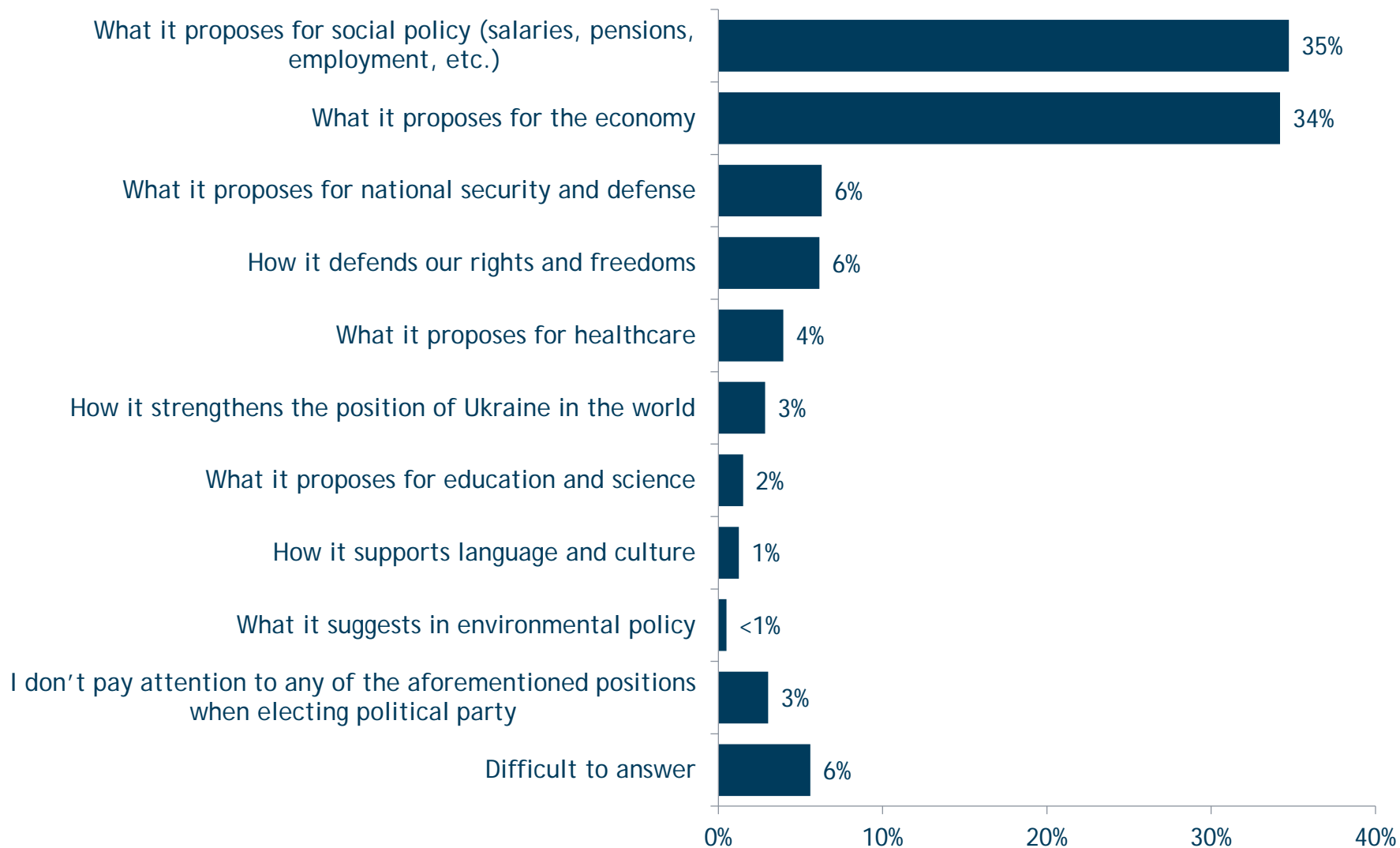
When selecting a political party, which priority is closest to yours? (continued)



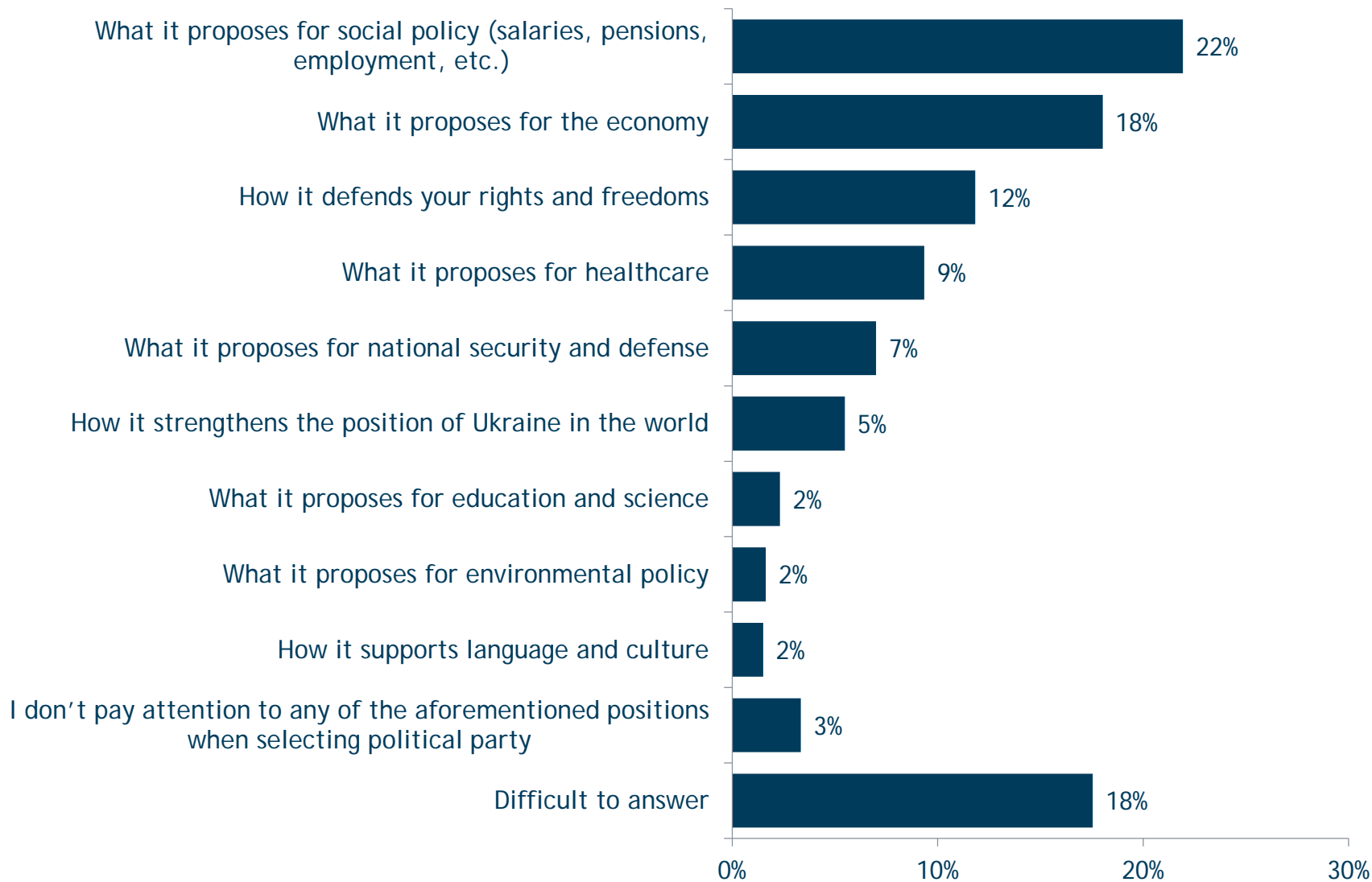
When selecting a political party, which priority is closest to yours? (continued)



When selecting a political party during elections, which is most important to you?



What is another area you consider when selecting a political party?





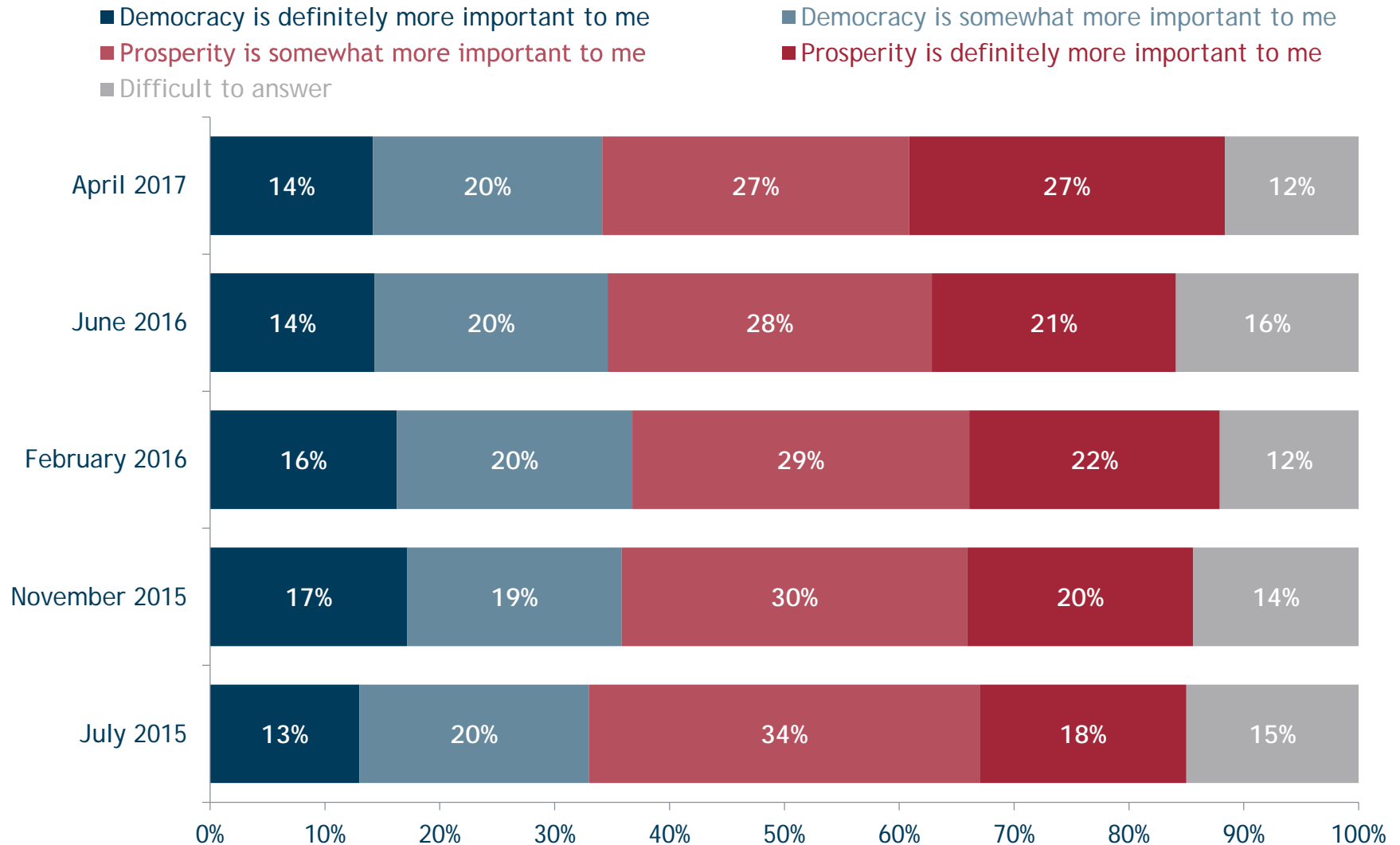
Views on Issues



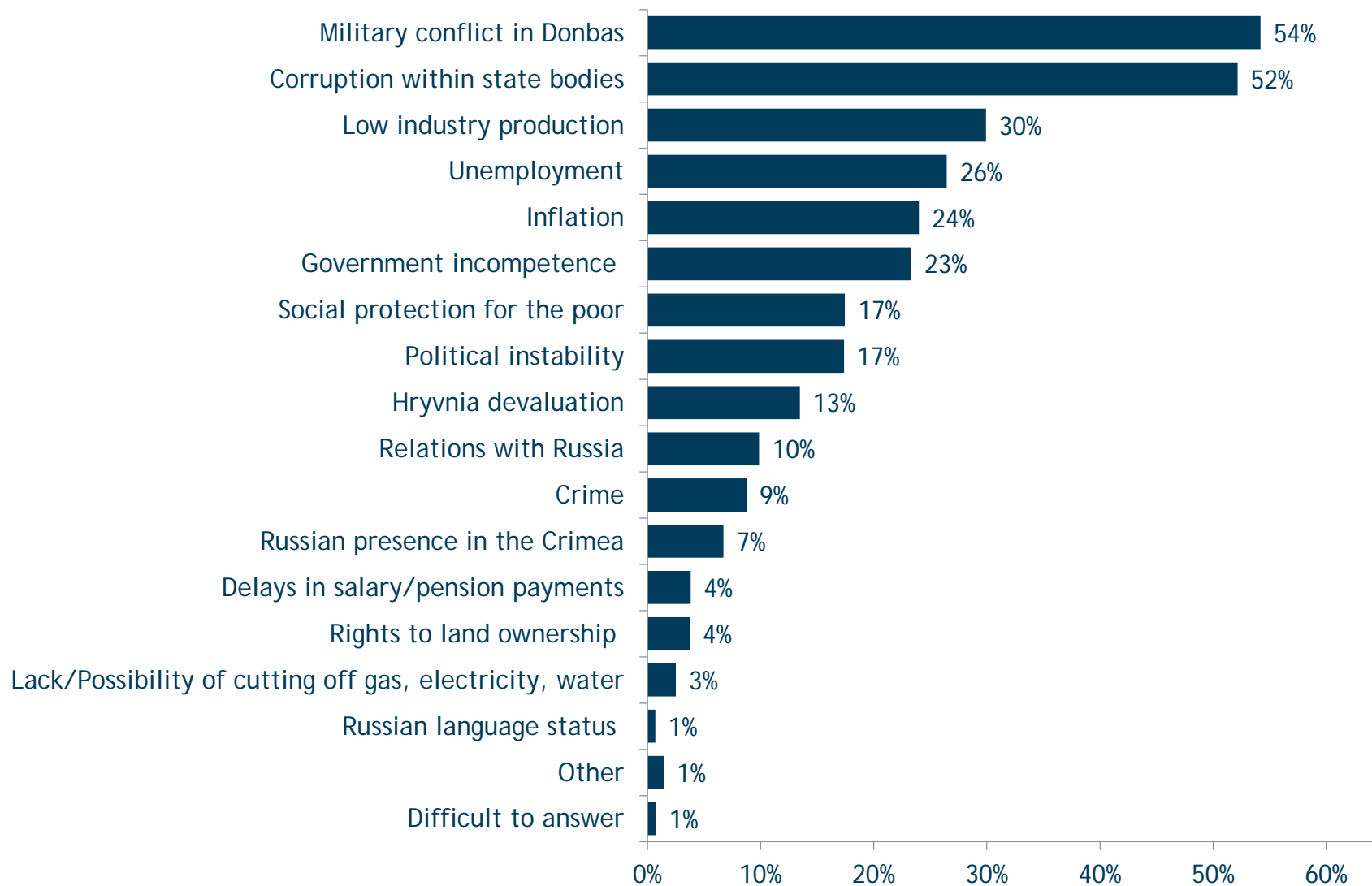
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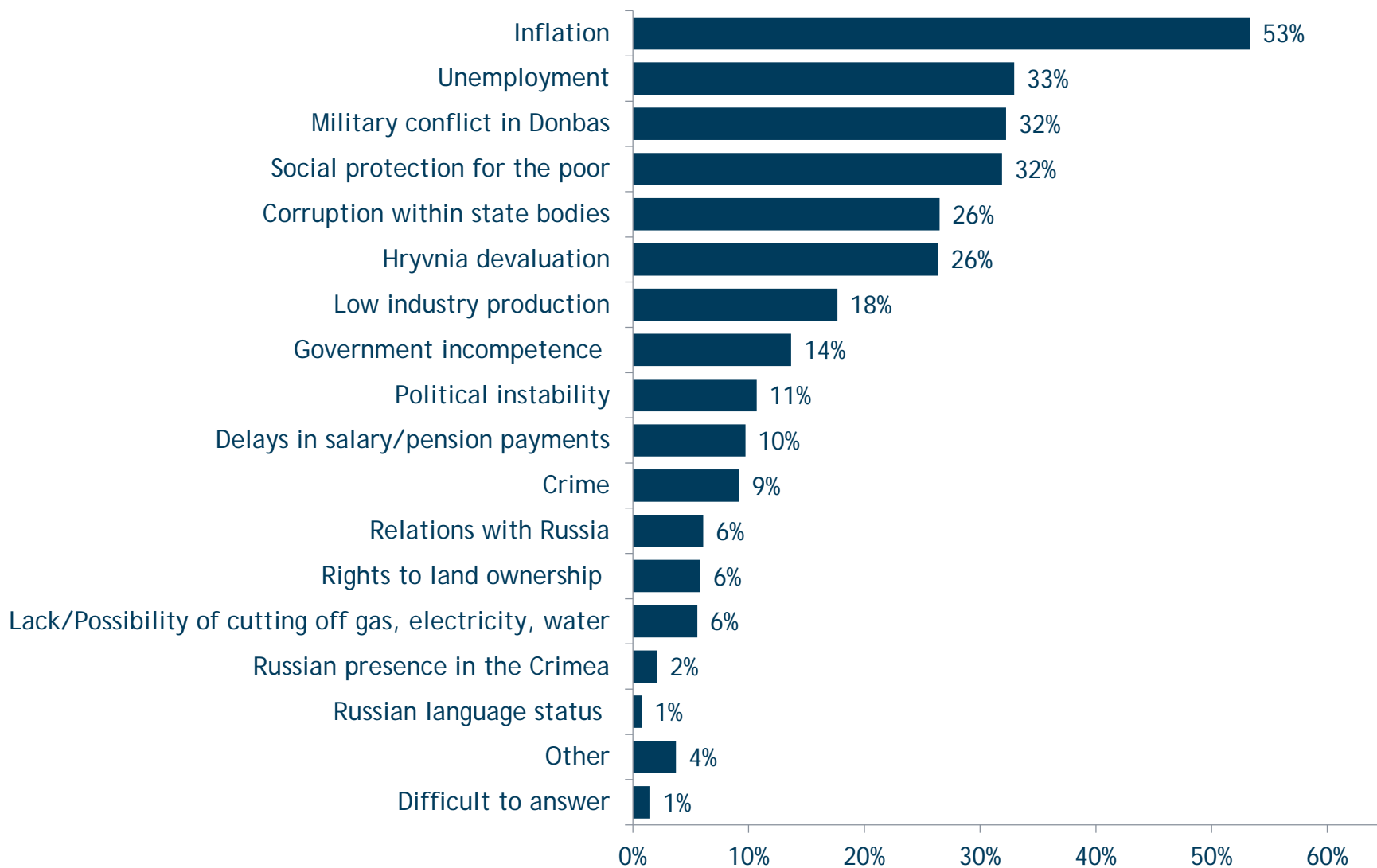
If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



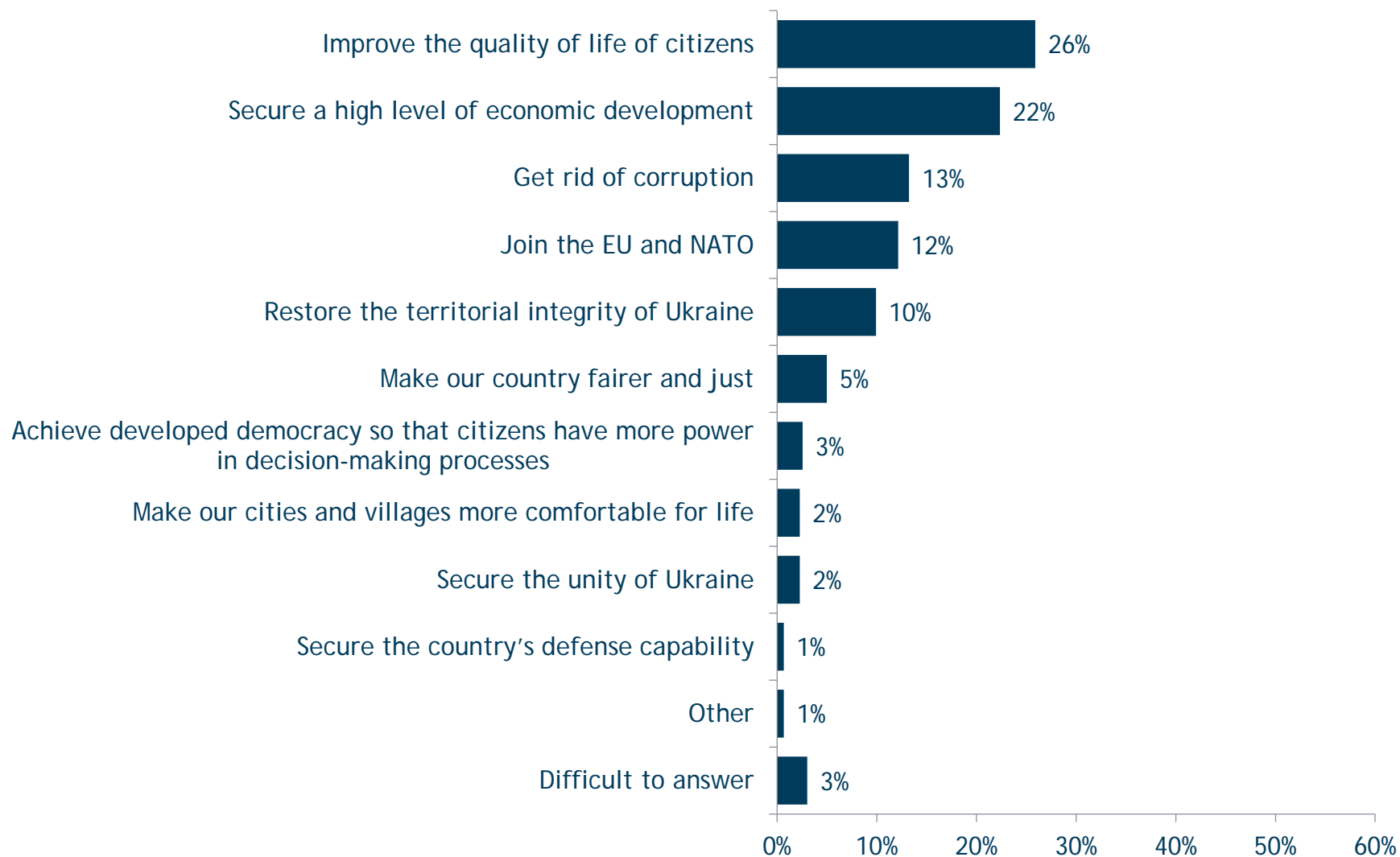
Which of the following are the three most important issues for Ukraine?



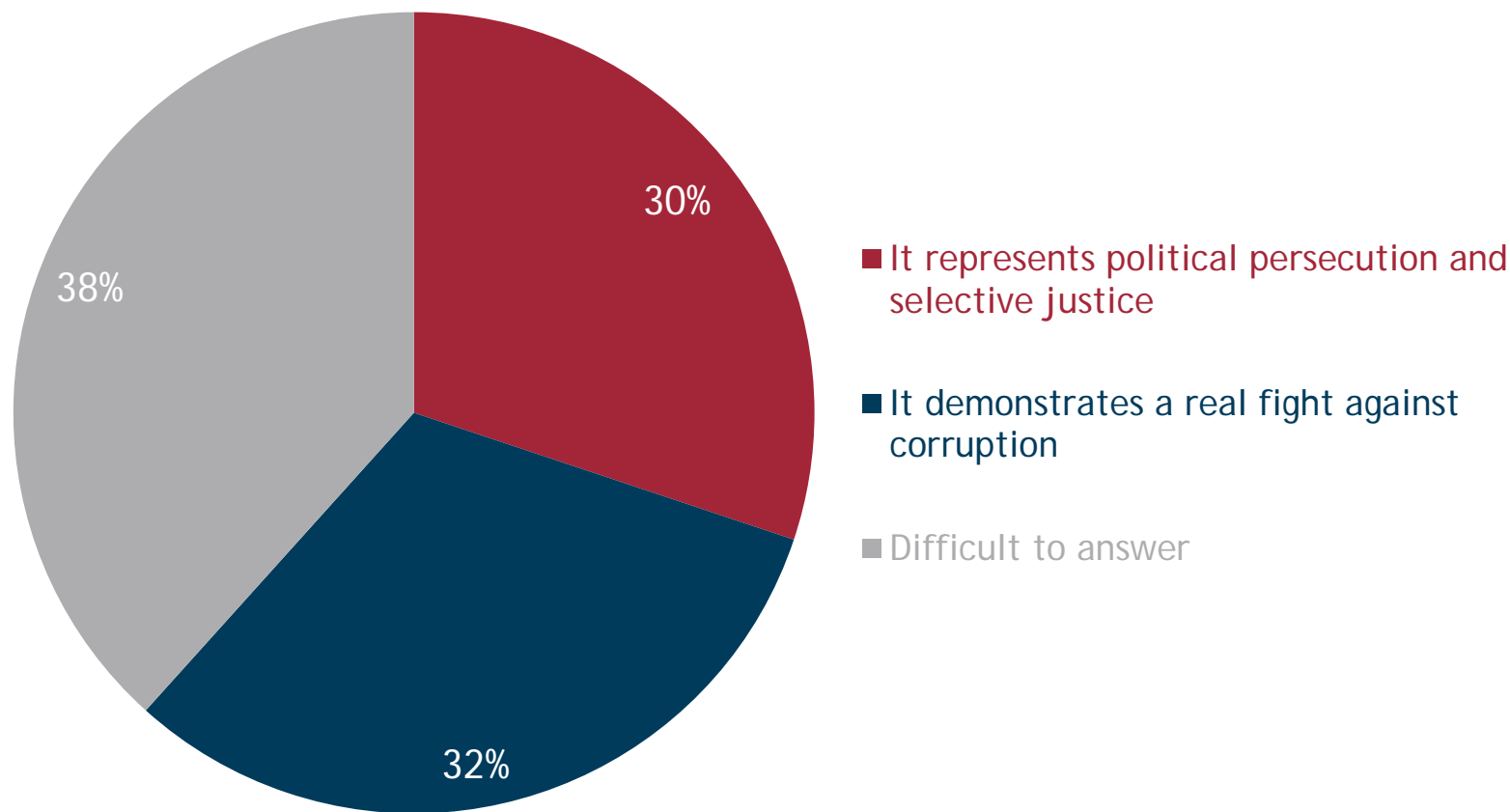
Which three of the following issues are the most important for you personally?



In your opinion, what should be the most important priority for Ukraine's development in the next 10 years?

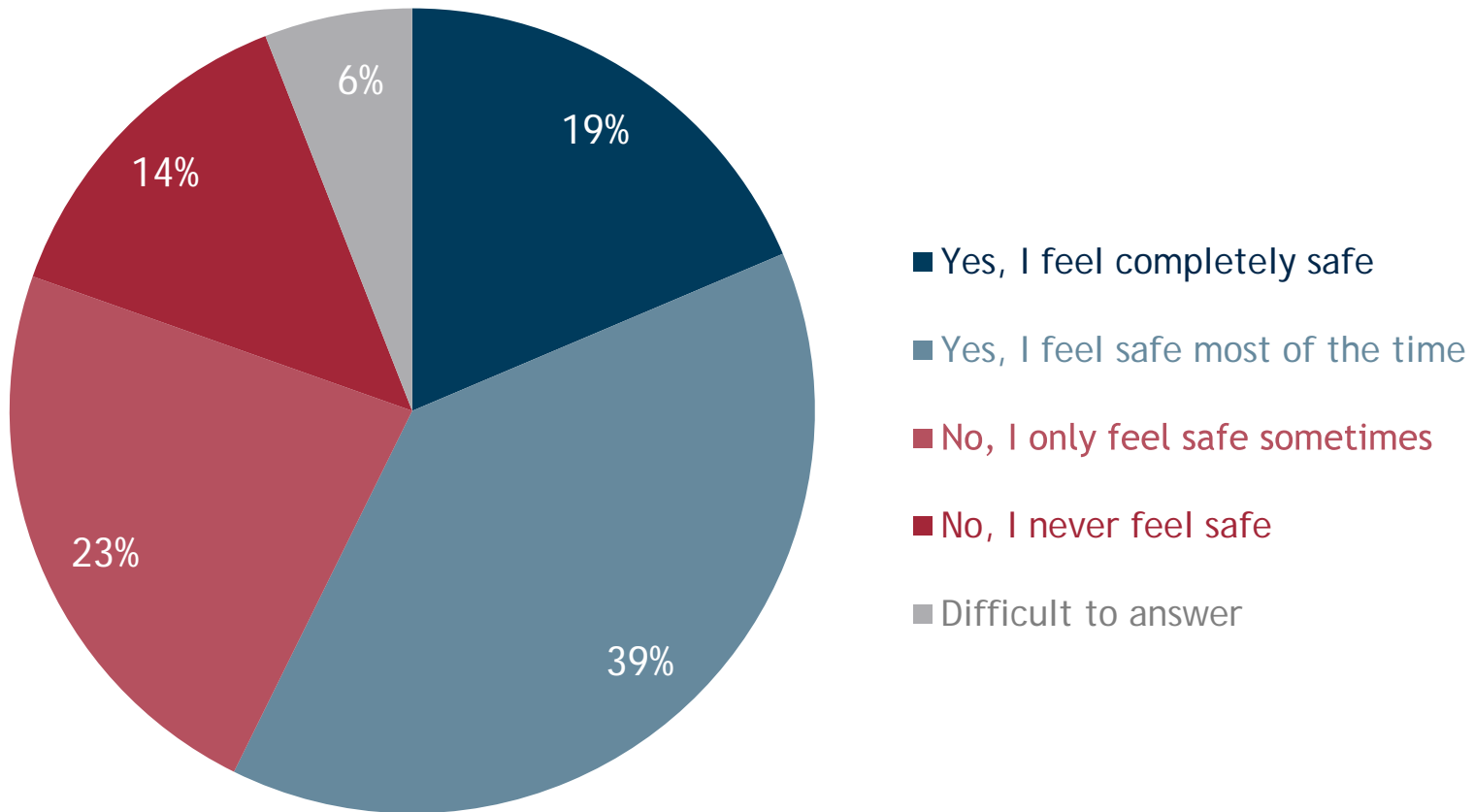


How would you characterize the detention of Roman Nasirov, the former Head of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine?



*Roman Nasirov headed the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine until his suspension in March 2017. He is being investigated by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) for alleged corruption worth up to two billion Ukrainian hryvnias (\$74 million) in one of the highest-profile corruption cases ever in Ukraine.

Do you feel secure walking home alone in your neighborhood at night?





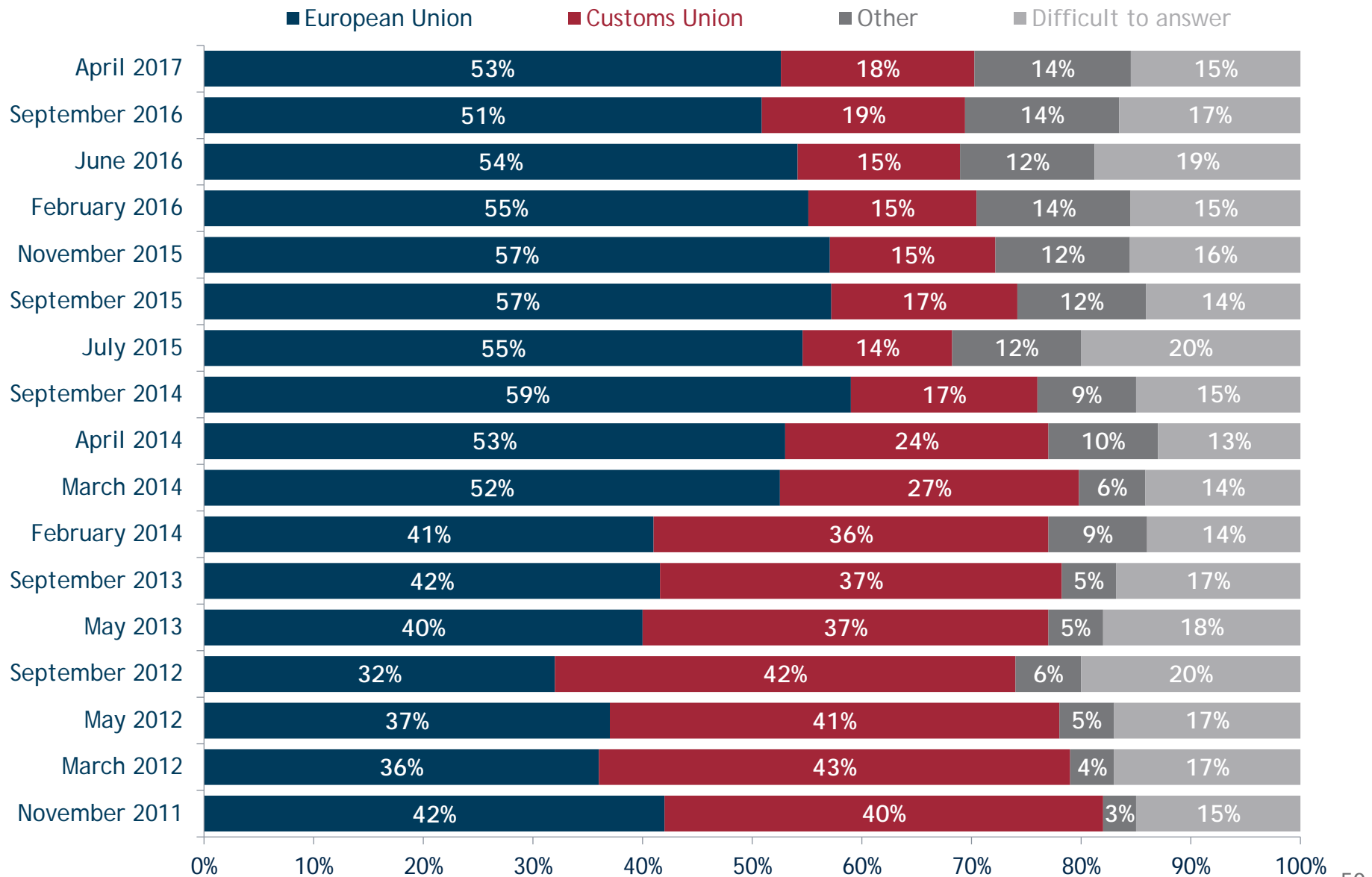
Foreign Policy



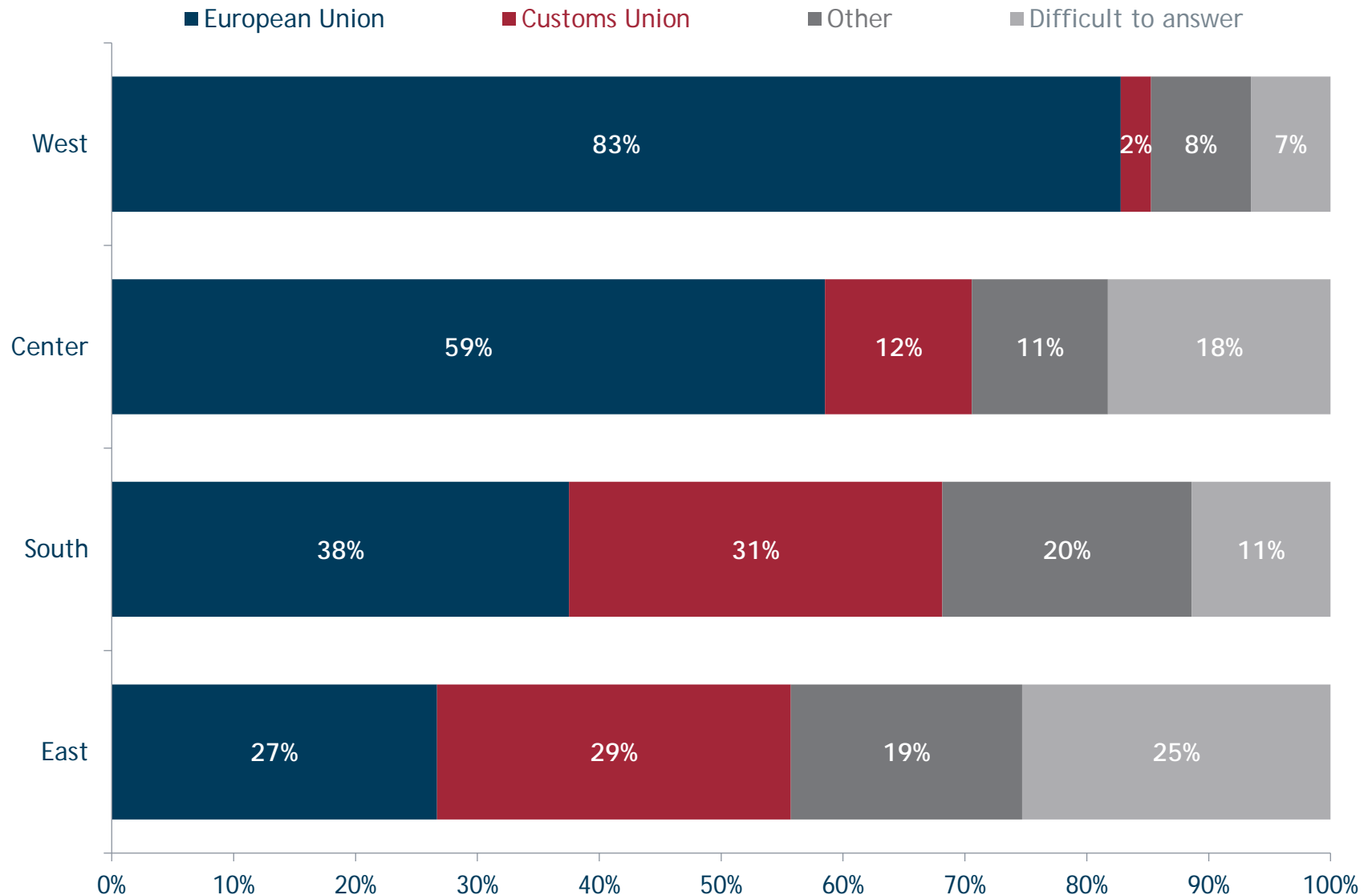
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If Ukraine could only enter one international economic union, which of the following should it be?

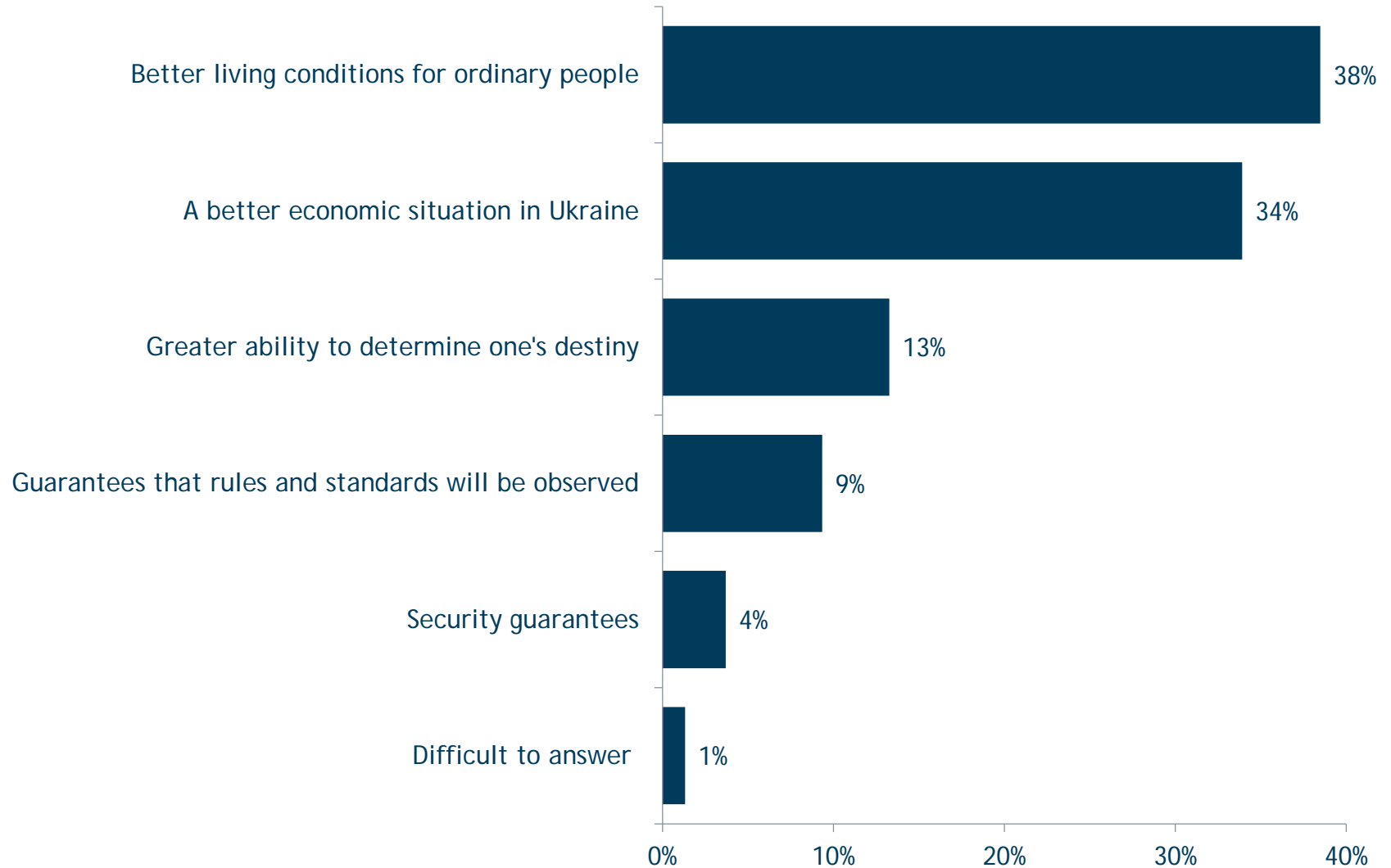


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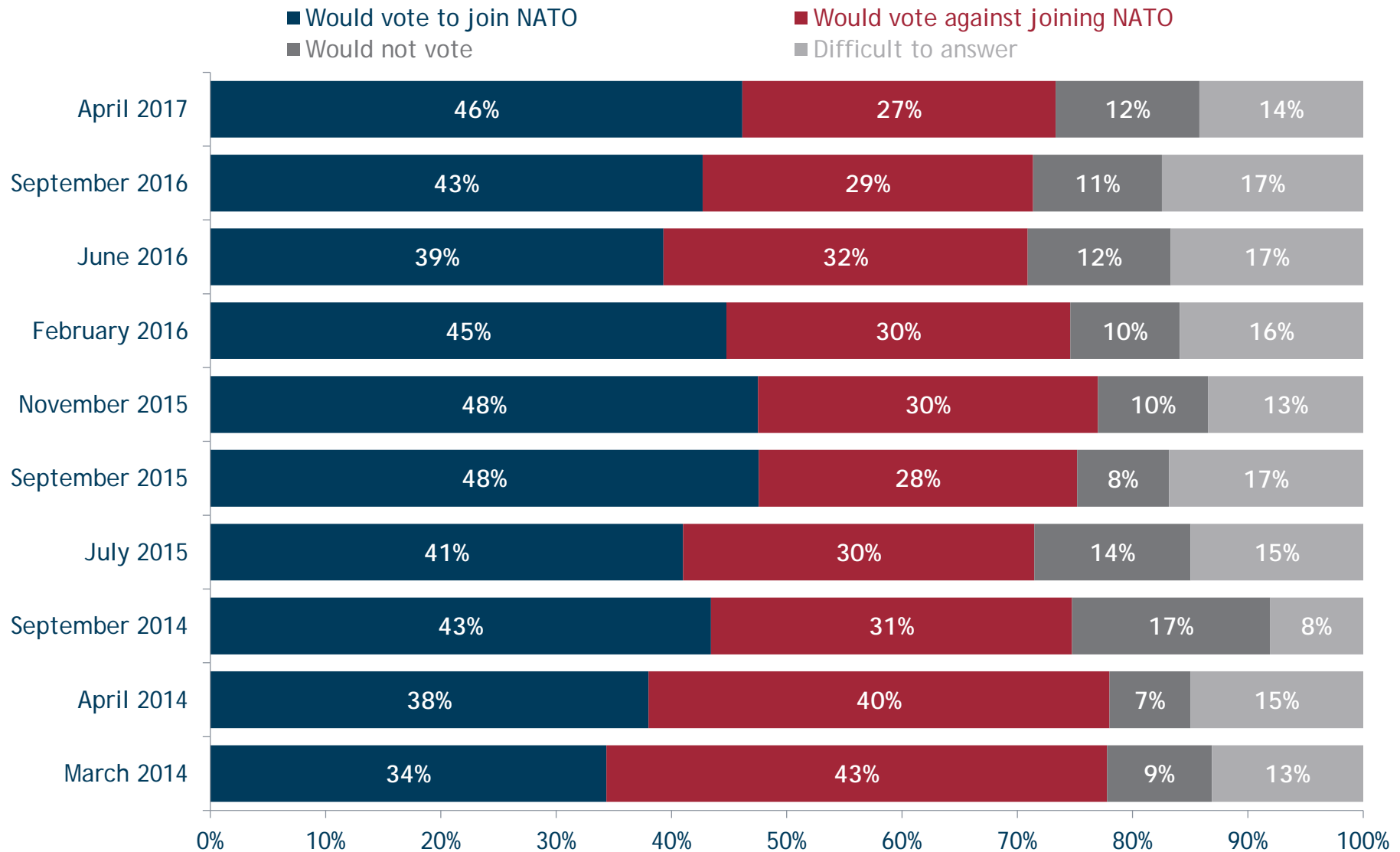


What do you expect from this international union first and foremost?

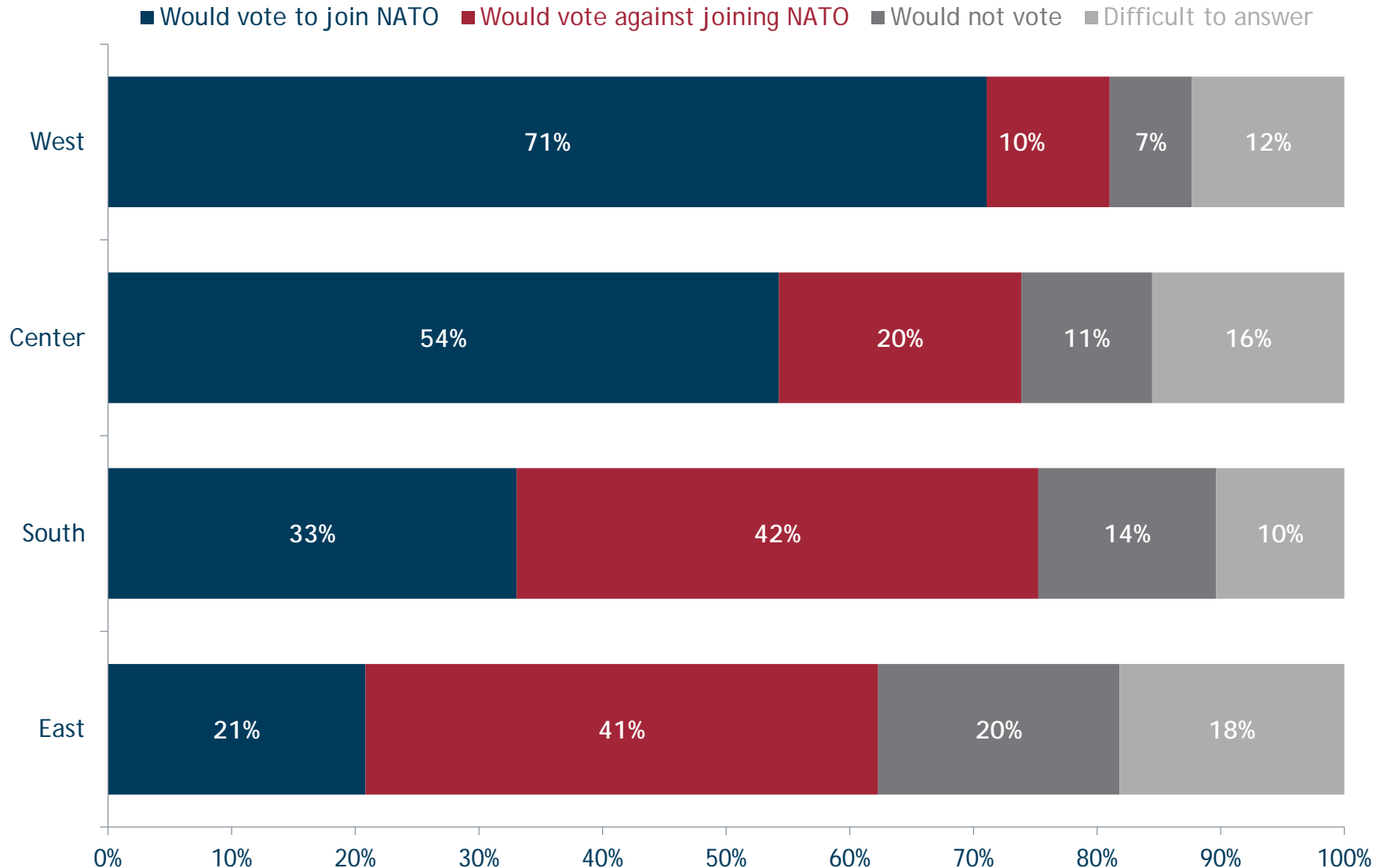
(Respondents who chose either the EU or Customs Union, n=1,687)



If a referendum were held today on Ukraine joining NATO, how would you vote?

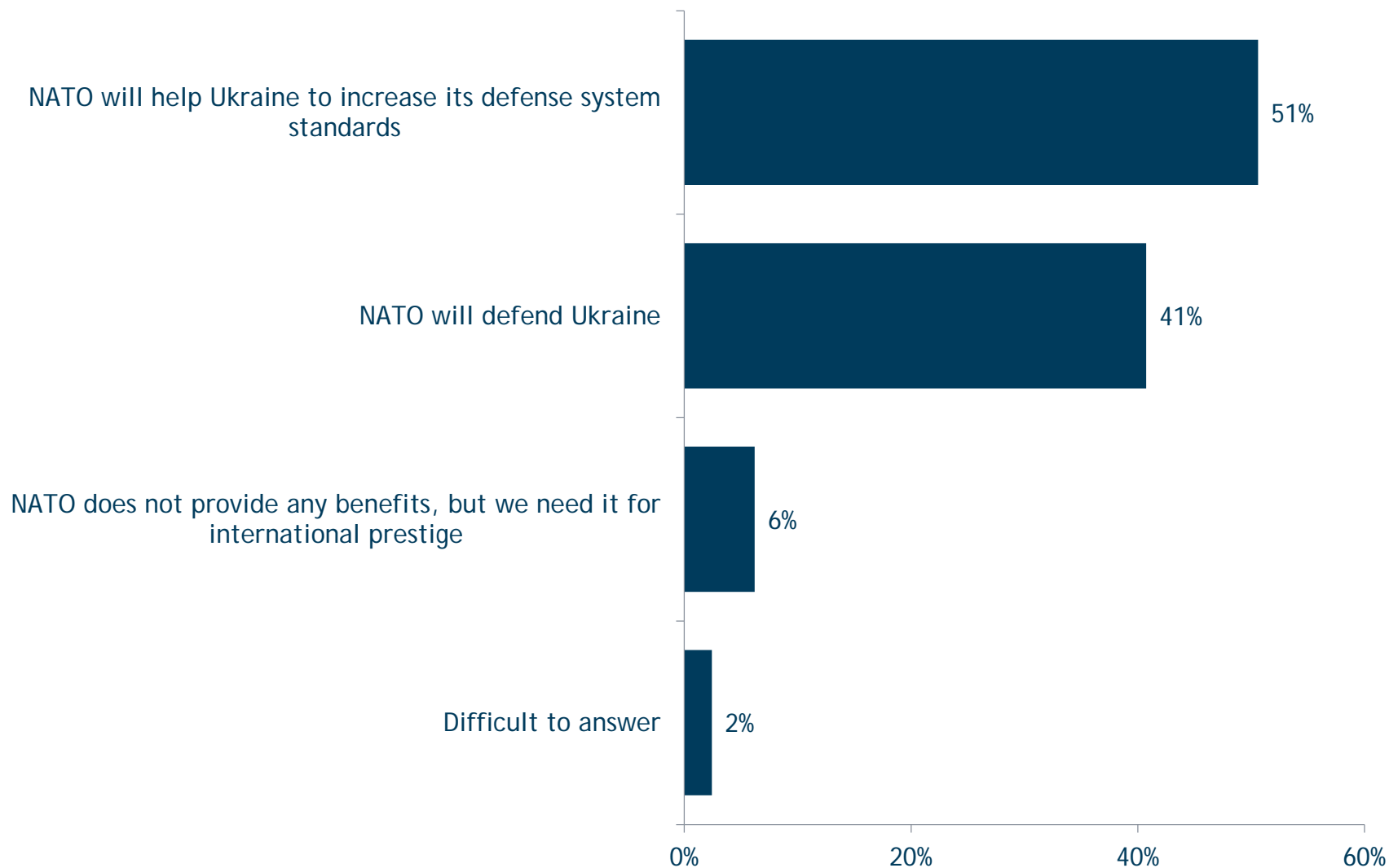


If a referendum were held today on Ukraine joining NATO, how would you vote? (continued)

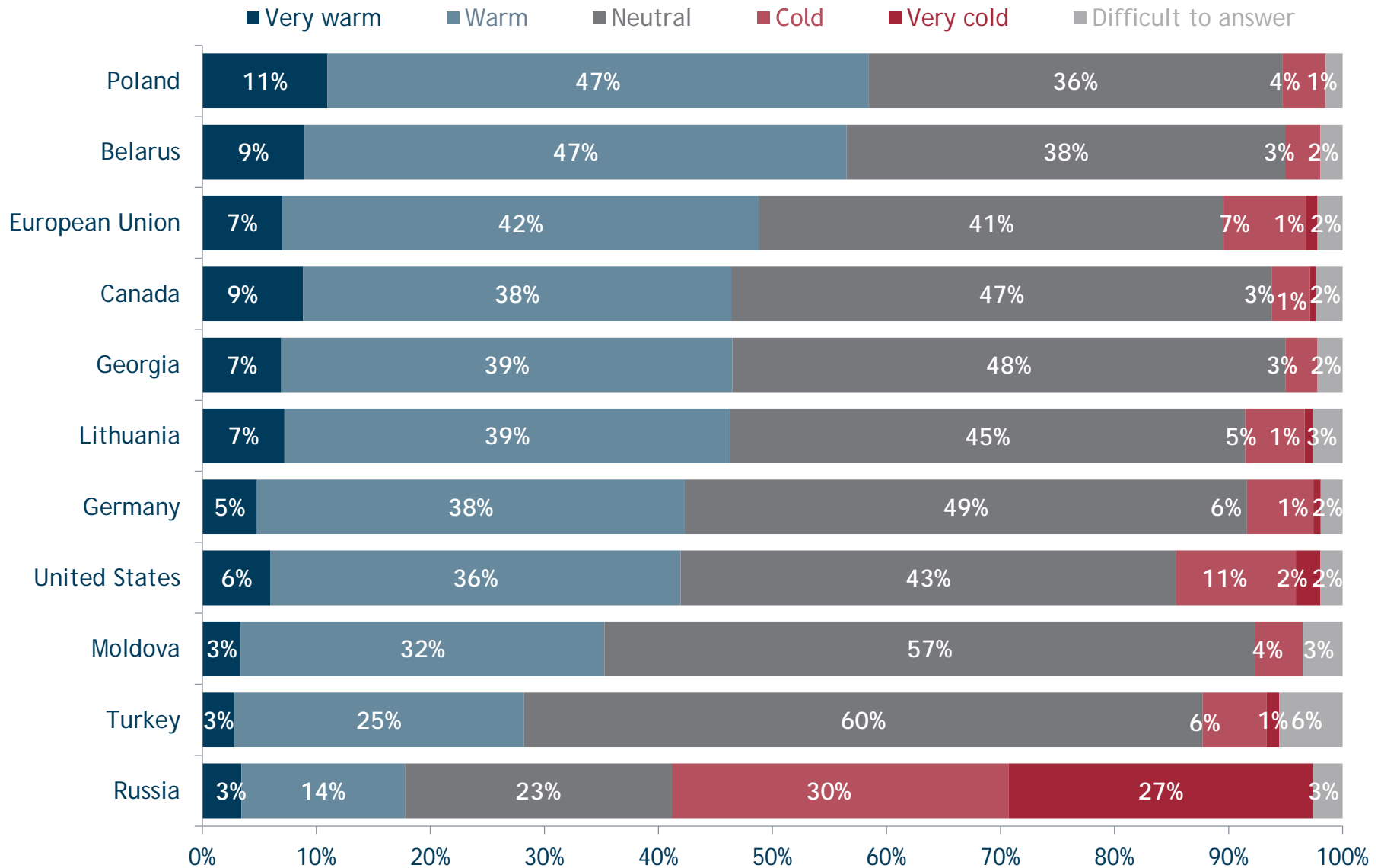


In your opinion, what benefits does NATO provide to Ukraine?

(Respondents who believe Ukraine should join NATO, n=1,108)



How do you evaluate your attitude toward each of the following countries?





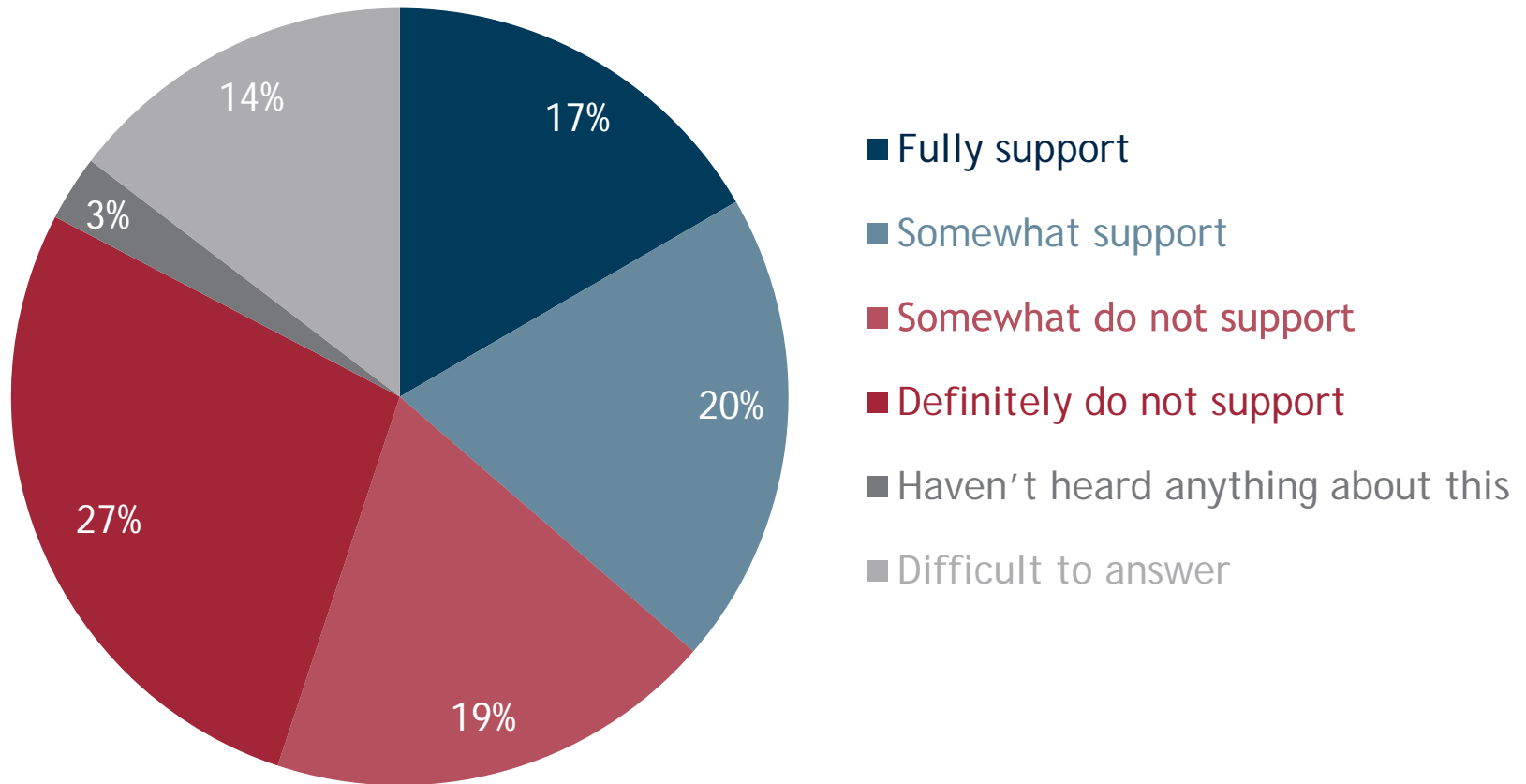
Issues Affecting the Donbas



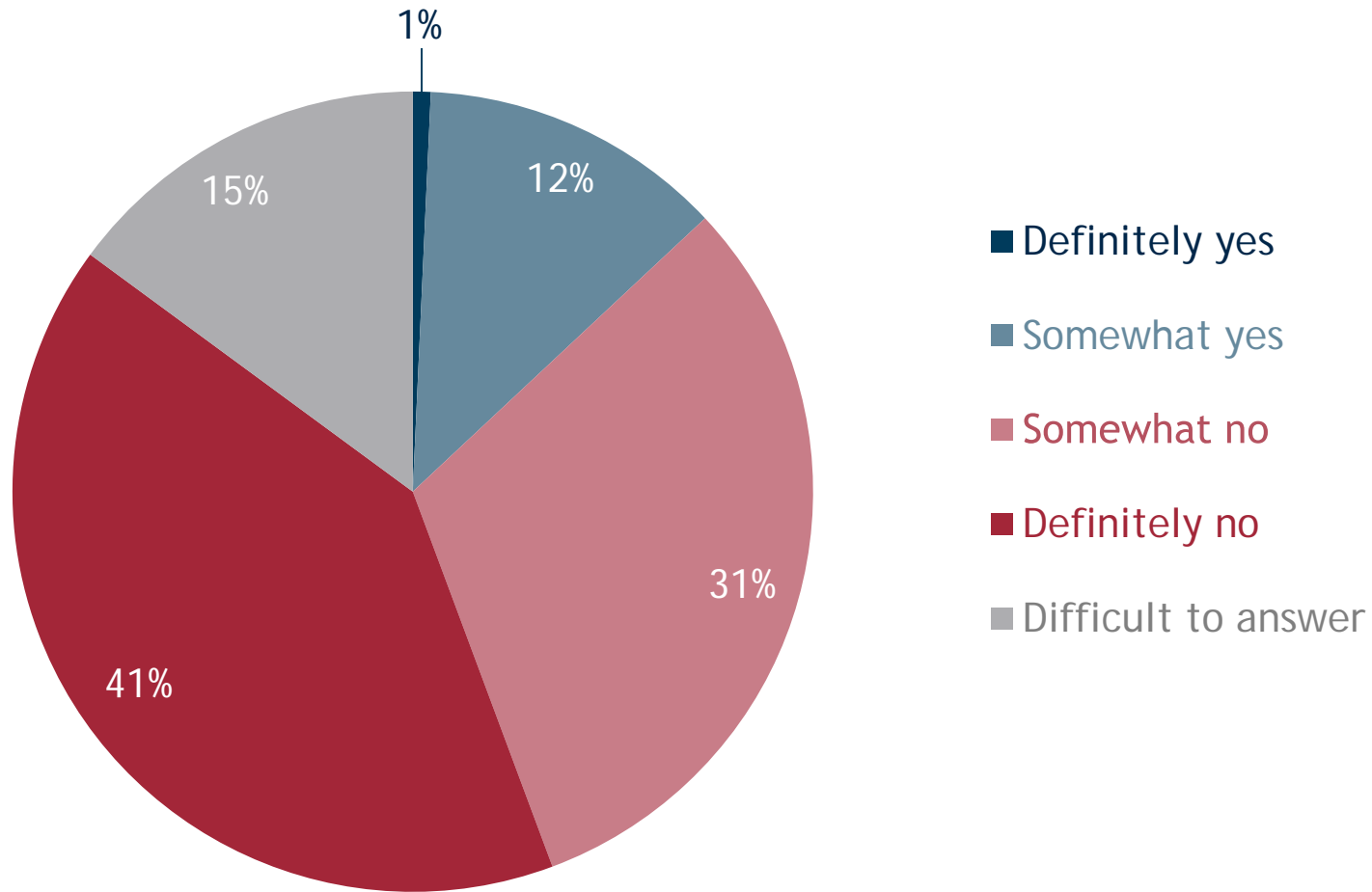
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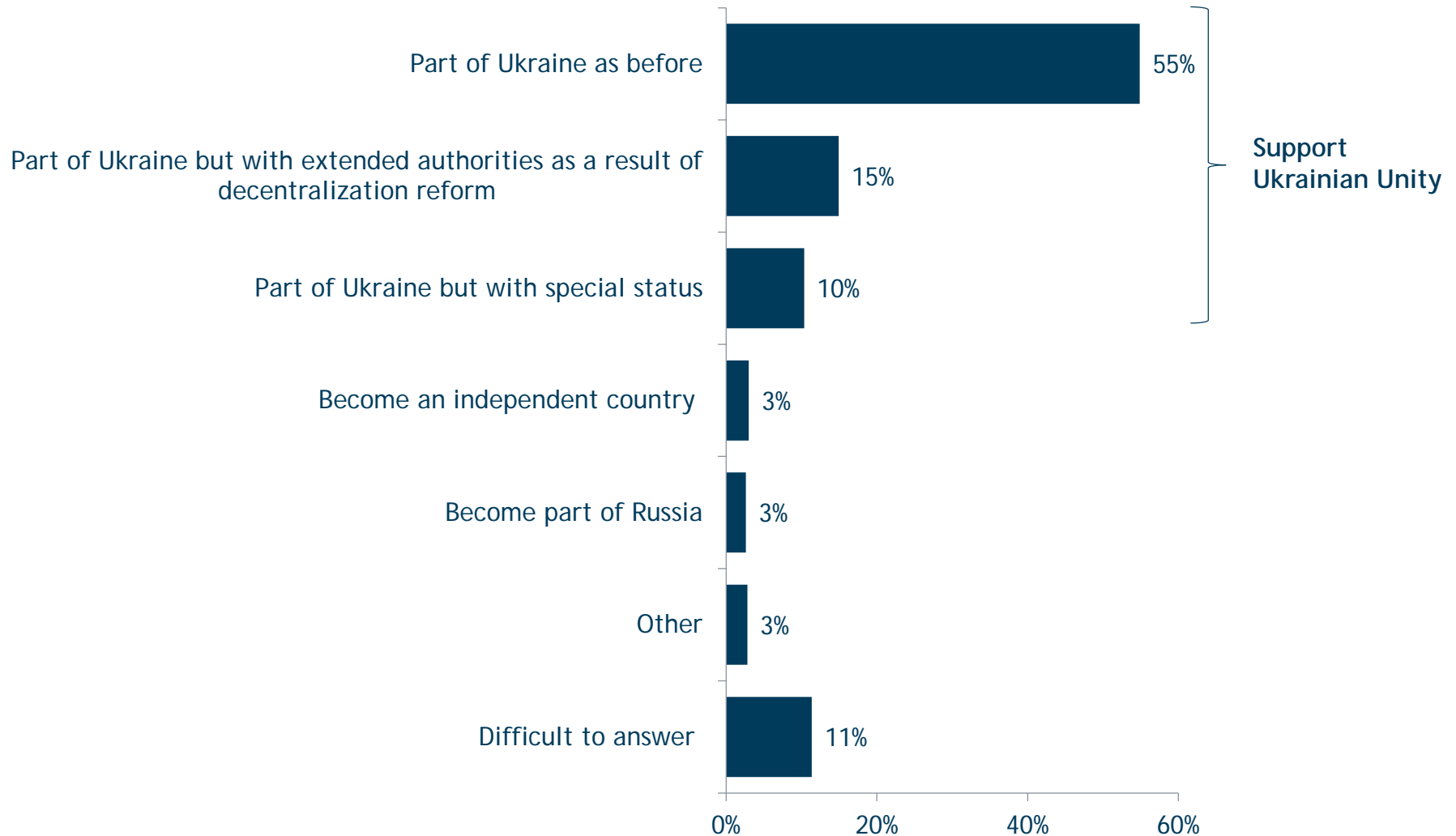
Do you support the economic blockade of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics?



In your opinion, are the national authorities of Ukraine doing enough to keep the liberated areas of the Donbas under Ukrainian authority?



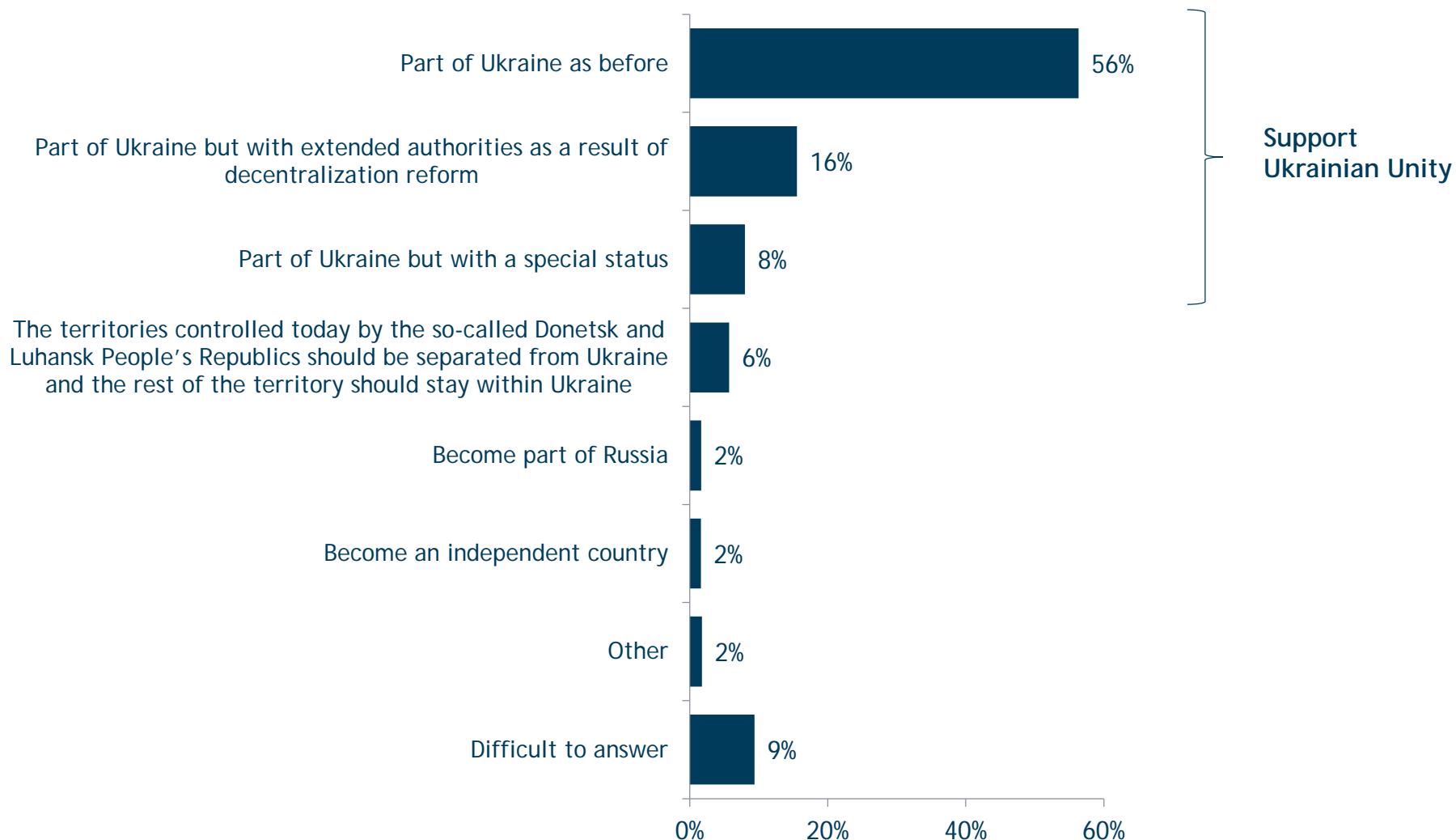
In your opinion, what status should the Donbas territories under the control of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics have?



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	November 2015	April 2017
Part of Ukraine as before	53%	55%
Part of Ukraine but with extended authorities as a result of decentralization reform	18%	15%
Part of Ukraine but with special status	9%	10%
Become part of Russia	4%	3%
Become an independent country	3%	3%
Other	1%	3%
Difficult to answer	12%	11%

In your opinion, what status should the entire Donbas region have (i.e., the entirety of Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*)?



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	November 2015	April 2017
Part of Ukraine as before	53%	56%
Part of Ukraine but with extended competences resulting from the decentralization reform	20%	16%
Part of Ukraine but with a special status	6%	8%
Become part of Russia	2%	2%
Become an independent country	1%	2%
The territories controlled today by the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics should be separated from Ukraine and the rest of the territory should stay within Ukraine	7%	6%
Other	1%	2%
Difficult to answer	9%	9%



Oversample: Ukrainian-Controlled Territories of the Donbas Region (n=1,378)

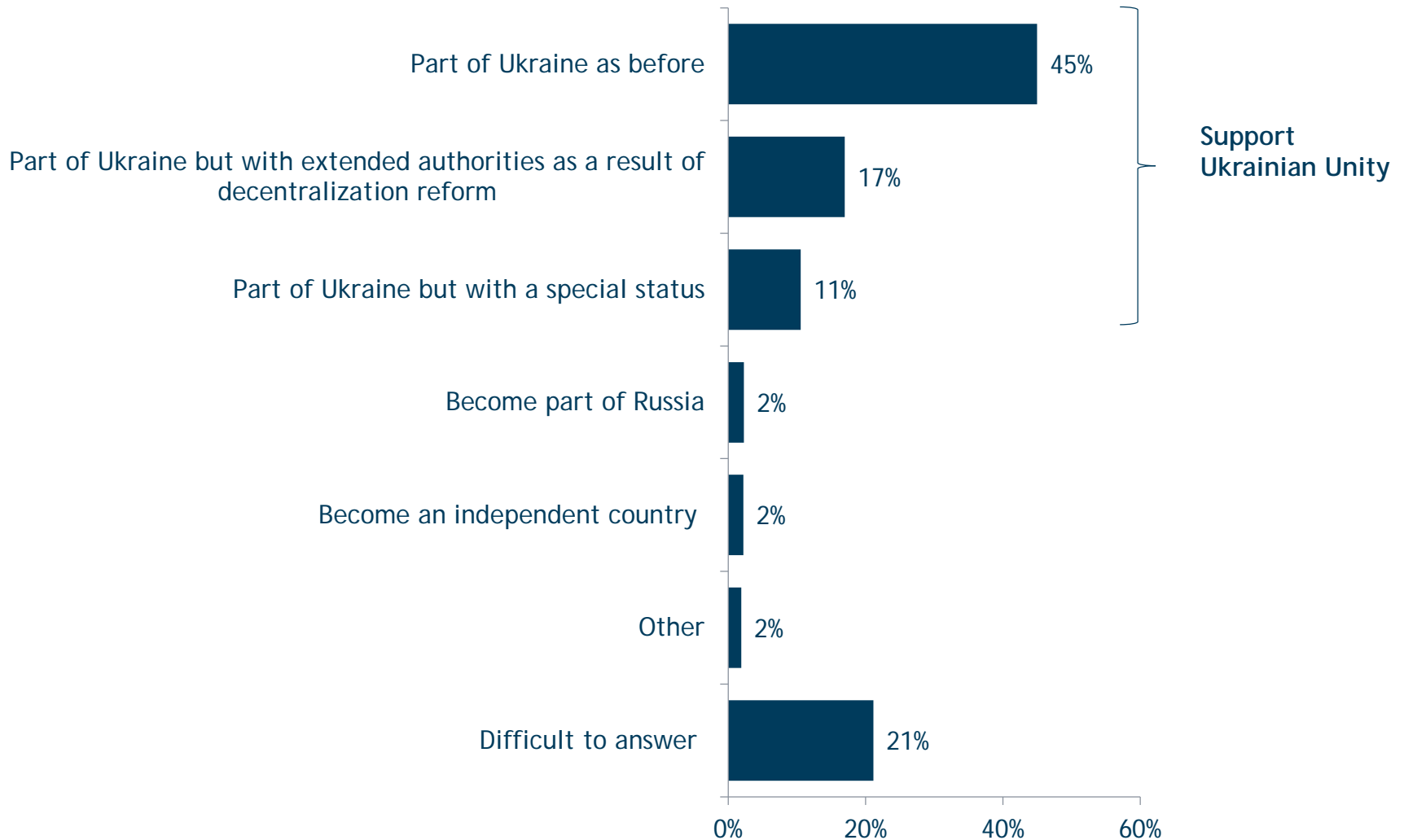
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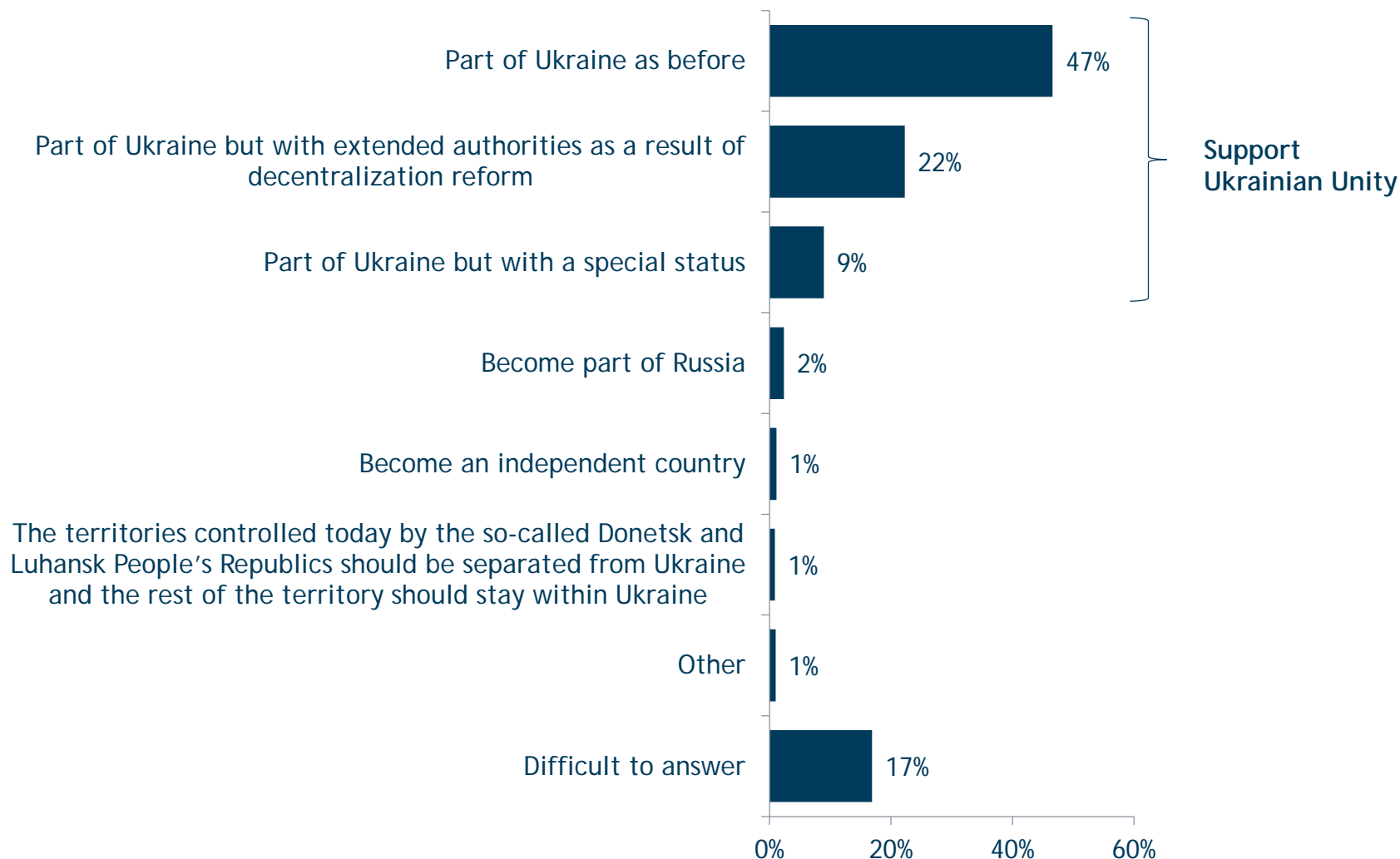
In your opinion, what status should the Donbas territories under the control of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics have?



In your opinion, what status should the Donbas territories under the control of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics have? (continued)

	November 2015	April 2017
Part of Ukraine as before	31%	45%
Part of Ukraine but with extended competences resulting from the decentralization reform	28%	17%
Part of Ukraine but with special status	13%	11%
Become an independent country	4%	2%
Become part of Russia	8%	2%
Other	1%	2%
Difficult to answer	15%	21%

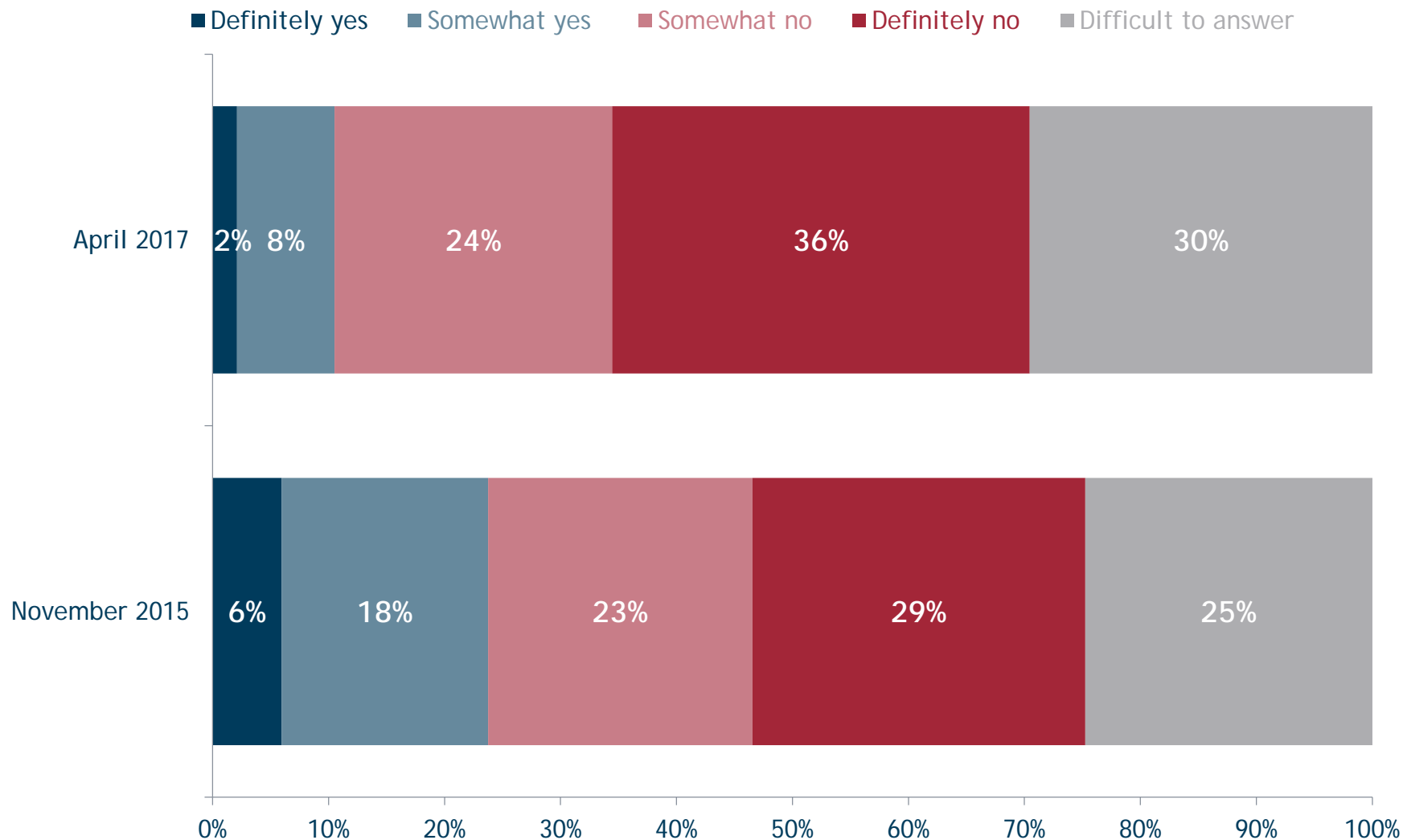
In your opinion, what status should the entire Donbas region have (i.e. the entirety of Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*)?



In your opinion, which status should the entire Donbas region have (i.e. the entirety of Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*)? (continued)

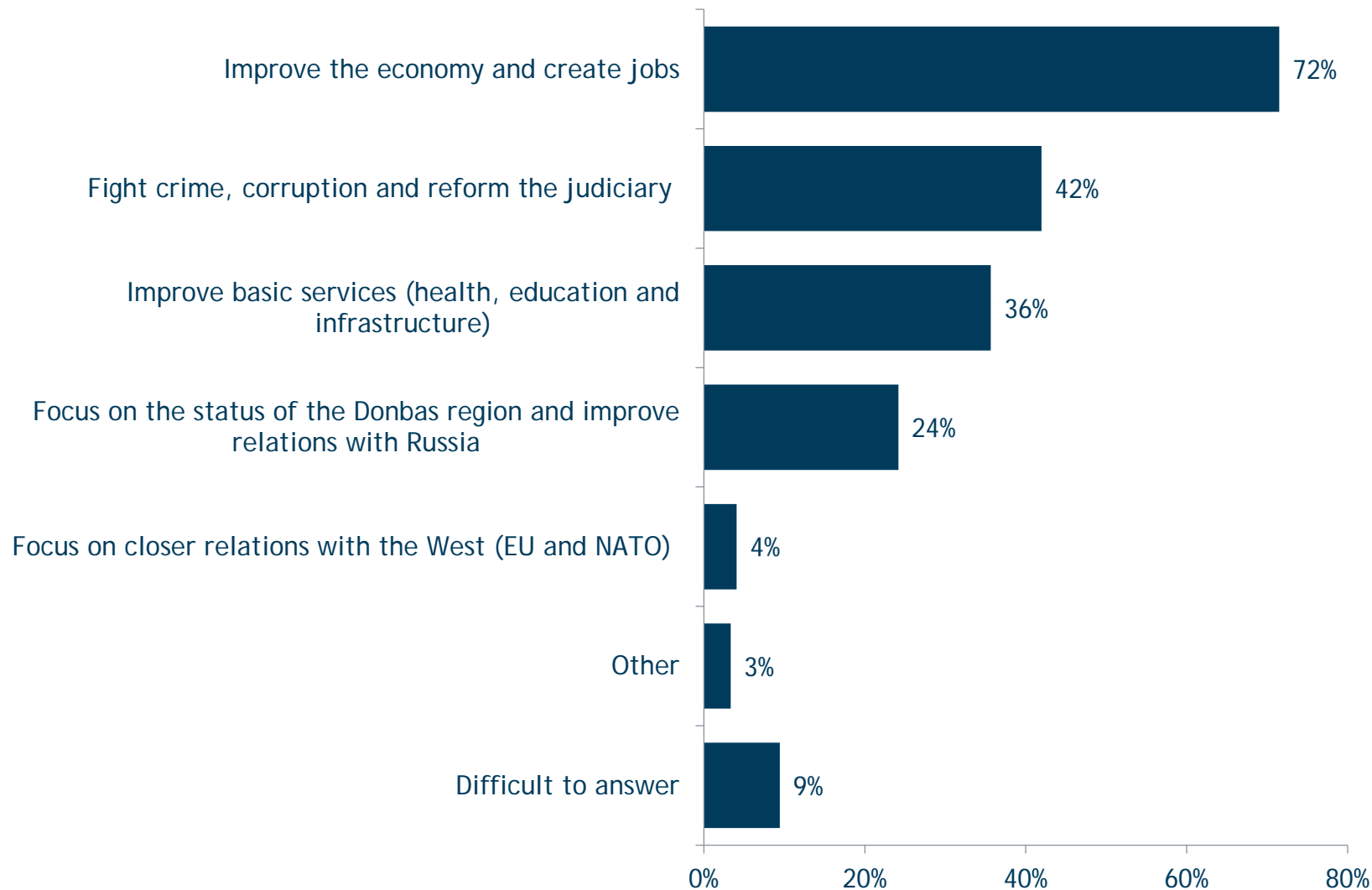
	November 2015	April 2017
Part of Ukraine as before	32%	47%
Part of Ukraine but with extended authorities as a result of decentralization reform	35%	22%
Part of Ukraine but with a special status	8%	9%
Become part of Russia	7%	2%
Become an independent country	1%	1%
The territories controlled today by the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics should be separated from Ukraine and the rest of the territory should stay within Ukraine	3%	1%
Other	1%	1%
Difficult to answer	14%	17%

In your opinion, are the national authorities of Ukraine doing enough to keep the liberated areas of the Donbas within Ukrainian territory?



In your opinion, which areas should the Ukrainian authorities prioritize in order to keep the Donbas part of Ukraine?

(Three answers possible)

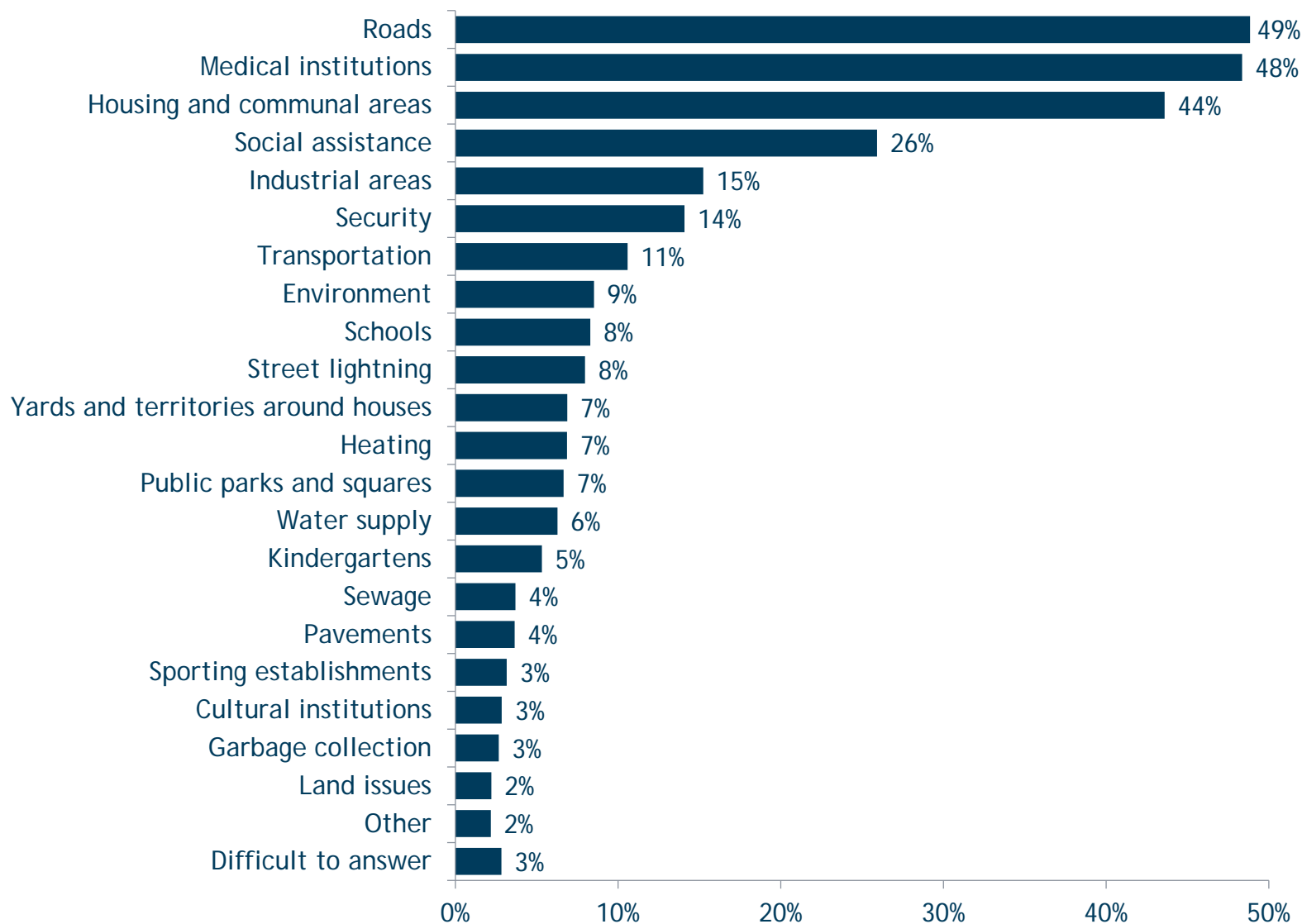


In your opinion, which areas should the Ukrainian authorities prioritize in order to keep the Donbas part of Ukraine? (continued)

	November 2015	April 2017
Improve the economy and create jobs	62%	72%
Fight crime, corruption and reform the judiciary	46%	42%
Improve basic services (health, education and infrastructure)	46%	36%
Focus on the status of the Donbas region and improve relations with Russia	19%	24%
Focus on closer relations with the West (EU and NATO)	9%	4%
Other	2%	3%
Difficult to answer	12%	9%

In your opinion, which issues should be the top priority for your local authorities?

(Three answers possible)

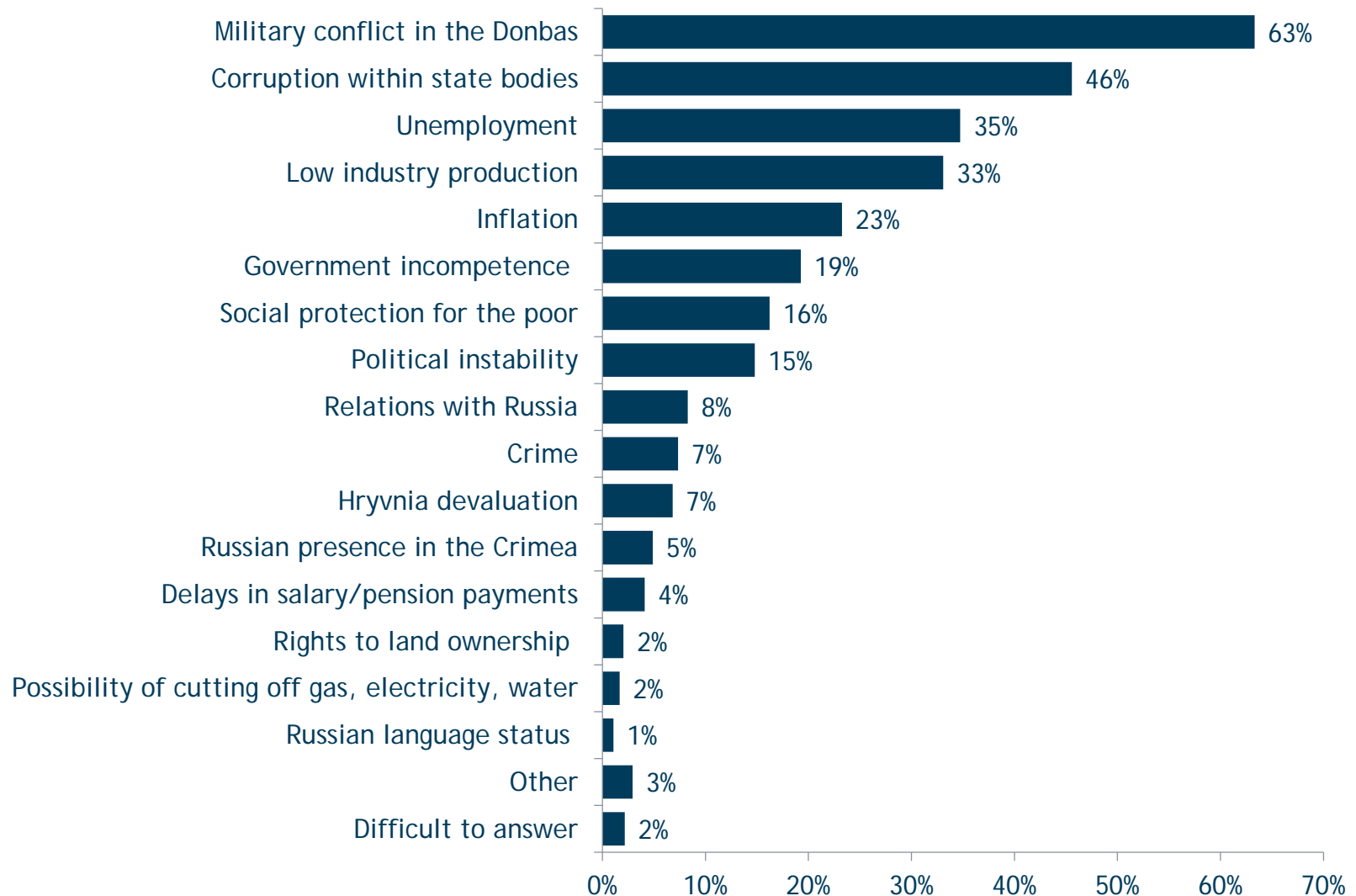


In your opinion, which issues should be the top priority for your local authorities? (continued)

(Three answers possible)

	November 2015	April 2017
Roads	50%	49%
Medical institutions	37%	48%
Housing and communal areas	43%	44%
Social assistance	38%	26%
Industrial areas	14%	15%
Security	26%	14%
Transportation	25%	11%
Environment	21%	9%
Street lightning	34%	8%
Schools	22%	8%
Public parks and squares	15%	7%
Heating	25%	7%
Yards and territories around houses	25%	7%
Water supply	23%	6%
Kindergartens	19%	5%
Pavements	18%	4%
Sewage	16%	4%
Garbage collection	16%	3%
Cultural institutions	13%	3%
Sport establishments	11%	3%
Land issues	17%	2%
Other	10%	2%
Difficult to answer	10%	3%

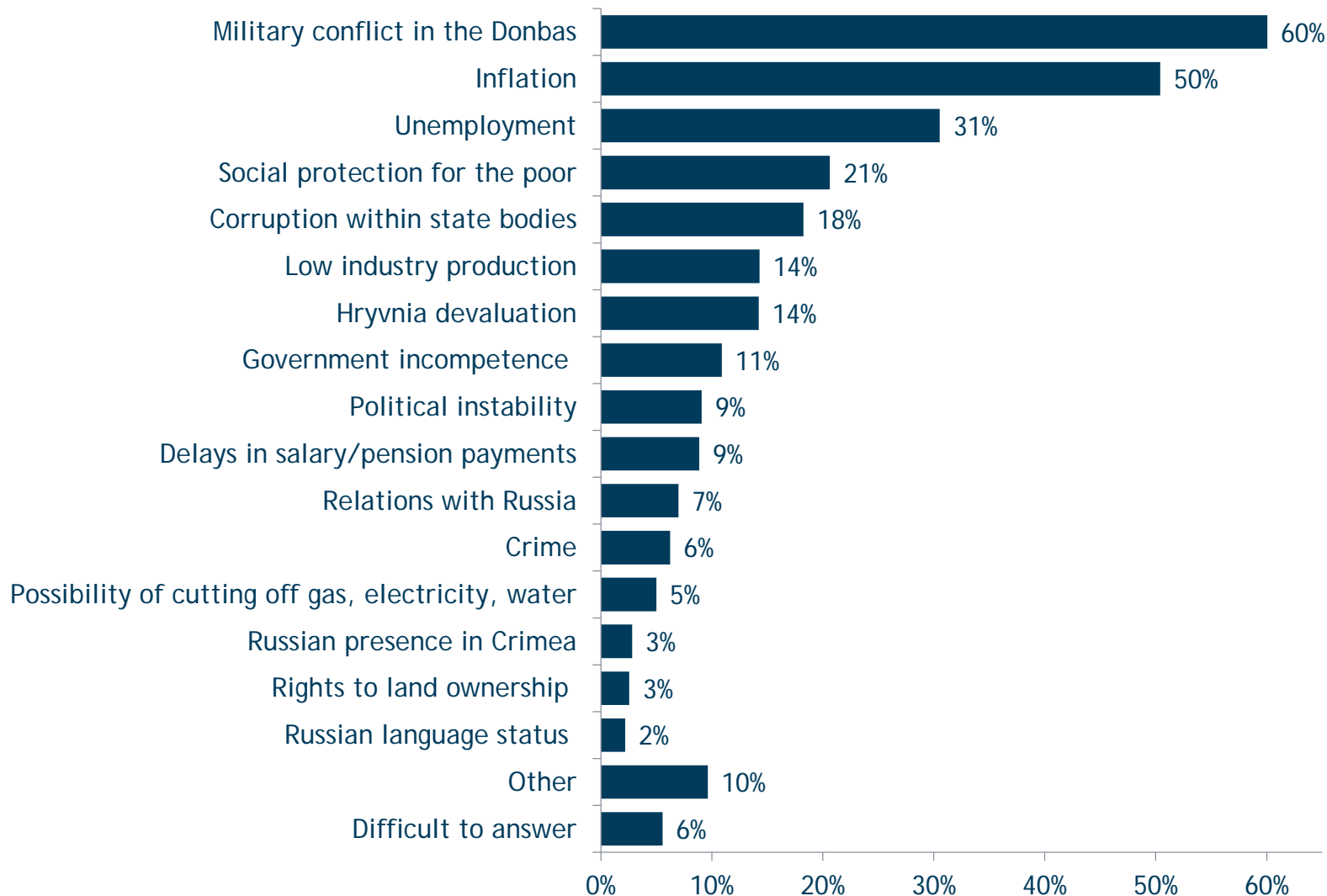
Which of the following are the three most important issues for Ukraine?



Which three of the following are the most important issues for Ukraine? (continued)

	November 2015	April 2017
Military conflict in the Donbas	50%	63%
Corruption within state bodies	40%	46%
Unemployment	34%	35%
Low industry production	24%	33%
Inflation	23%	23%
Government incompetence	26%	19%
Social protection for the poor	22%	16%
Political instability	18%	15%
Relations with Russia	12%	8%
Crime	5%	7%
Hryvnia devaluation	14%	7%
Russian presence in the Crimea	3%	5%
Delays in salary/pension payments	6%	4%
Rights to land ownership	3%	2%
Possibility of cutting off gas, electricity, water	7%	2%
Russian language status	1%	1%
Other	1%	3%
Difficult to answer	2%	2%

Which of the following issues are the three most important for you personally?

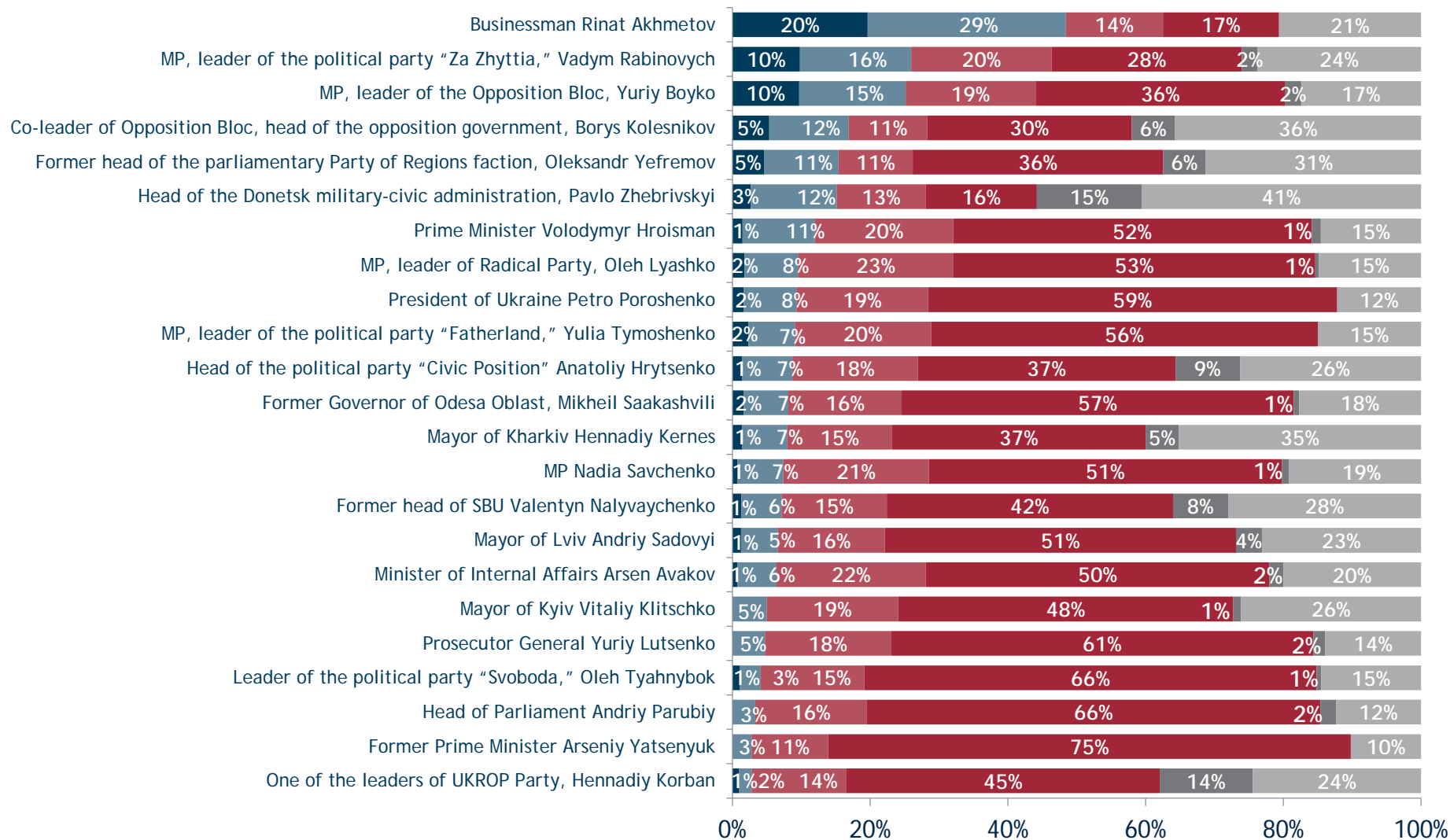


Which of the following issues are the three most important for you personally? (continued)

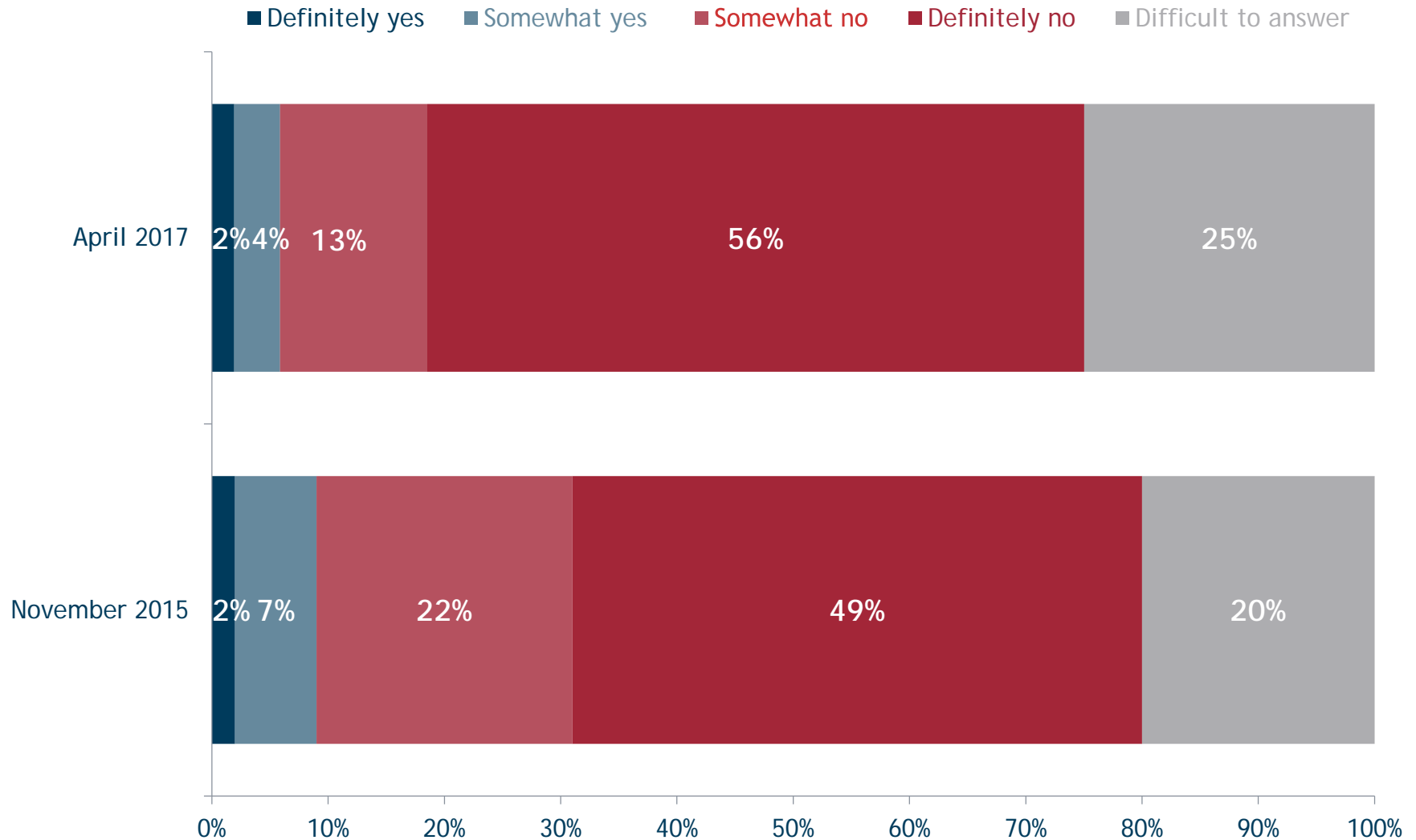
	November 2015	April 2017
Military conflict in the Donbas	50%	60%
Inflation	43%	50%
Unemployment	29%	31%
Social protection for the poor	26%	21%
Corruption within state bodies	26%	18%
Low industry production	17%	14%
Hryvnia devaluation	21%	14%
Government incompetence	21%	11%
Delays in salary/pension payments	7%	9%
Political instability	11%	9%
Relations with Russia	8%	7%
Crime	3%	6%
Possibility of cutting off gas, electricity, water	10%	5%
Russian presence in the Crimea	3%	3%
Rights to land ownership	4%	3%
Russian language status	2%	2%
Other	6%	10%
Difficult to answer	2%	6%

What is your opinion of each of the following Ukrainian politicians or members of the Ukrainian government?

■ Very favorable ■ Somewhat favorable ■ Somewhat unfavorable
 ■ Very unfavorable ■ Have not heard the name ■ Difficult to answer

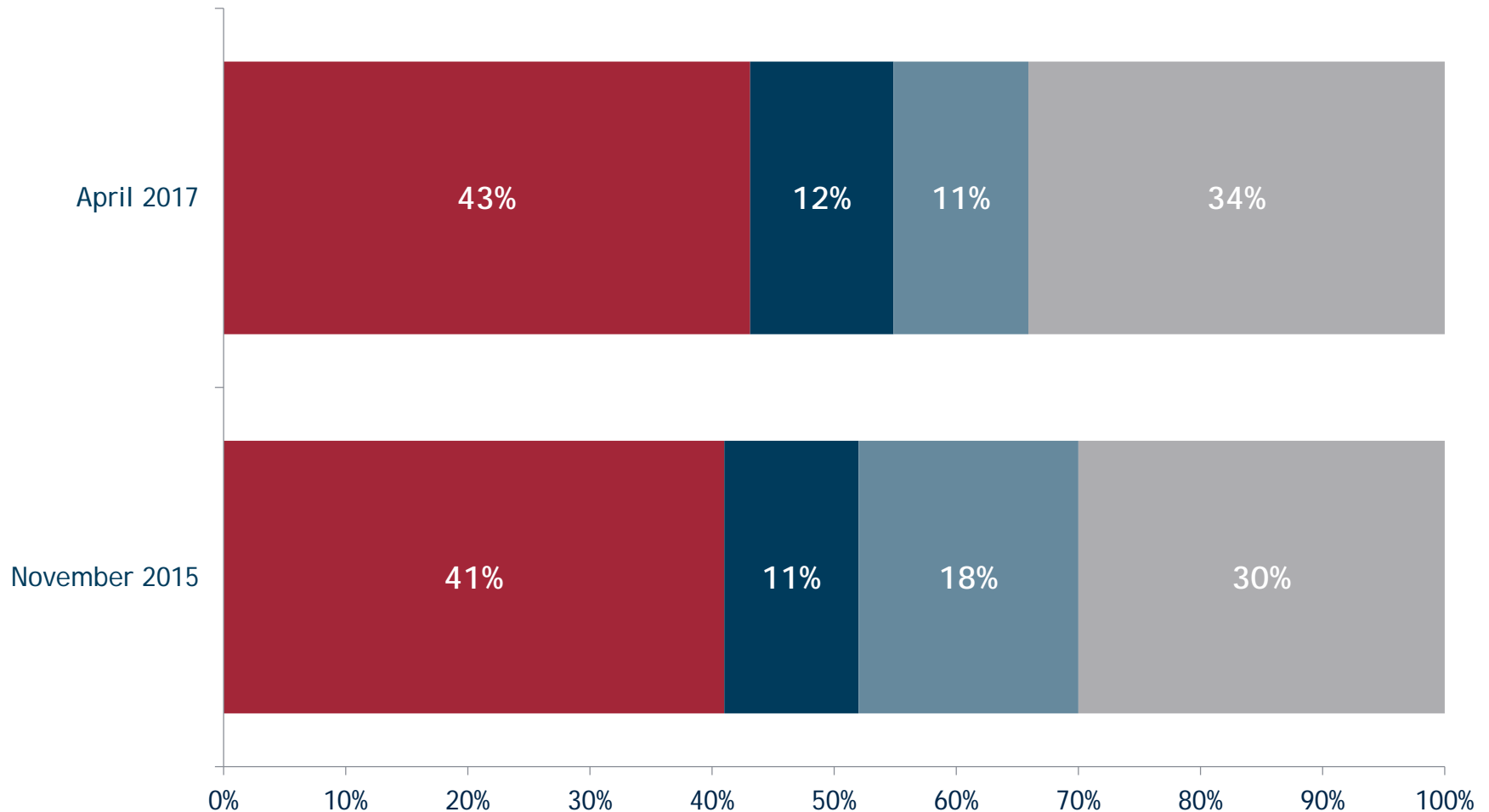


Do you support the decision of the Russian Federation to send its army to protect Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine?

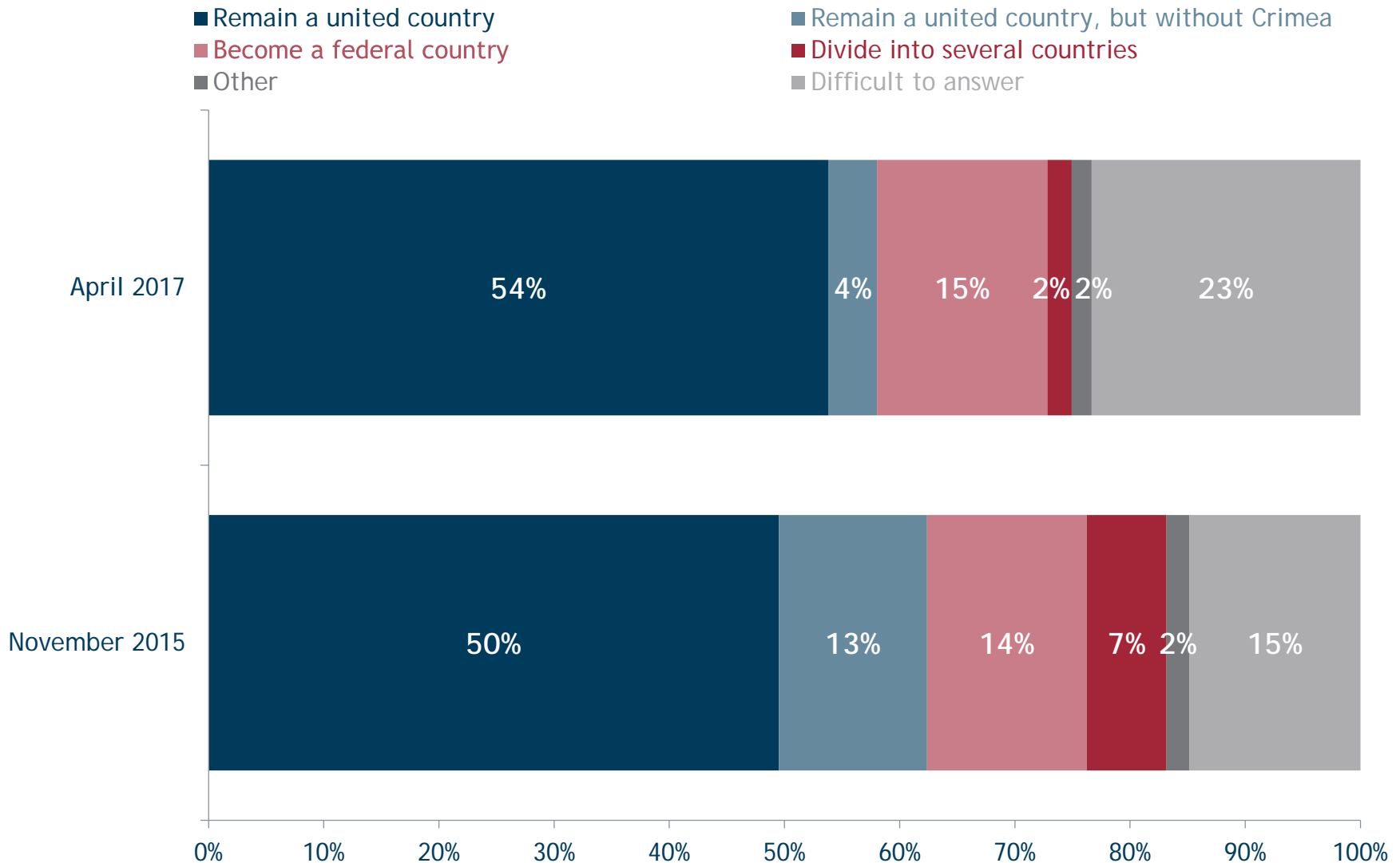


How do you evaluate Russia's actions toward Crimea?

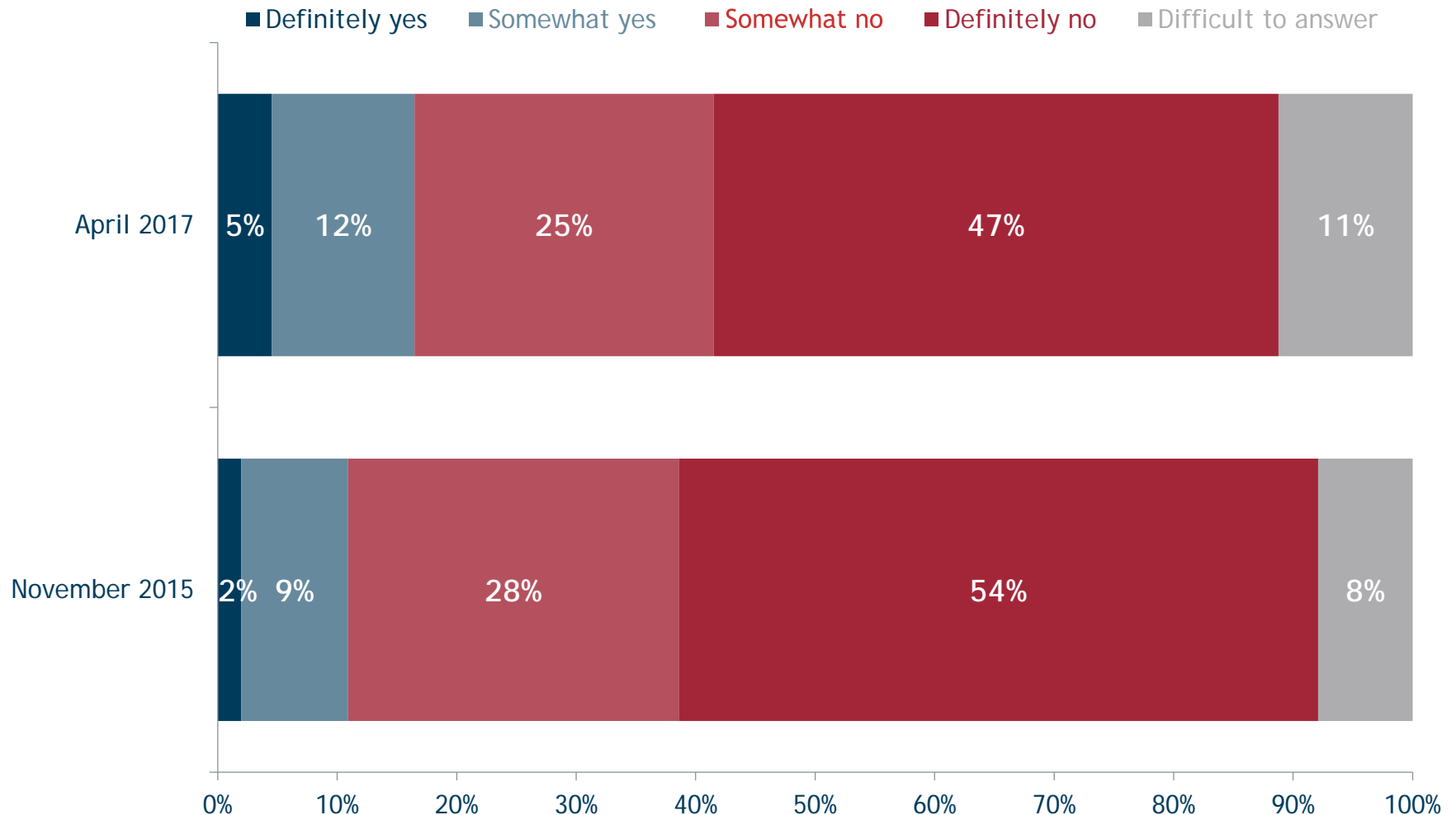
- It is an illegal invasion and occupation of independent Ukraine
- It is a lawful protection of Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine
- Other
- Difficult to answer



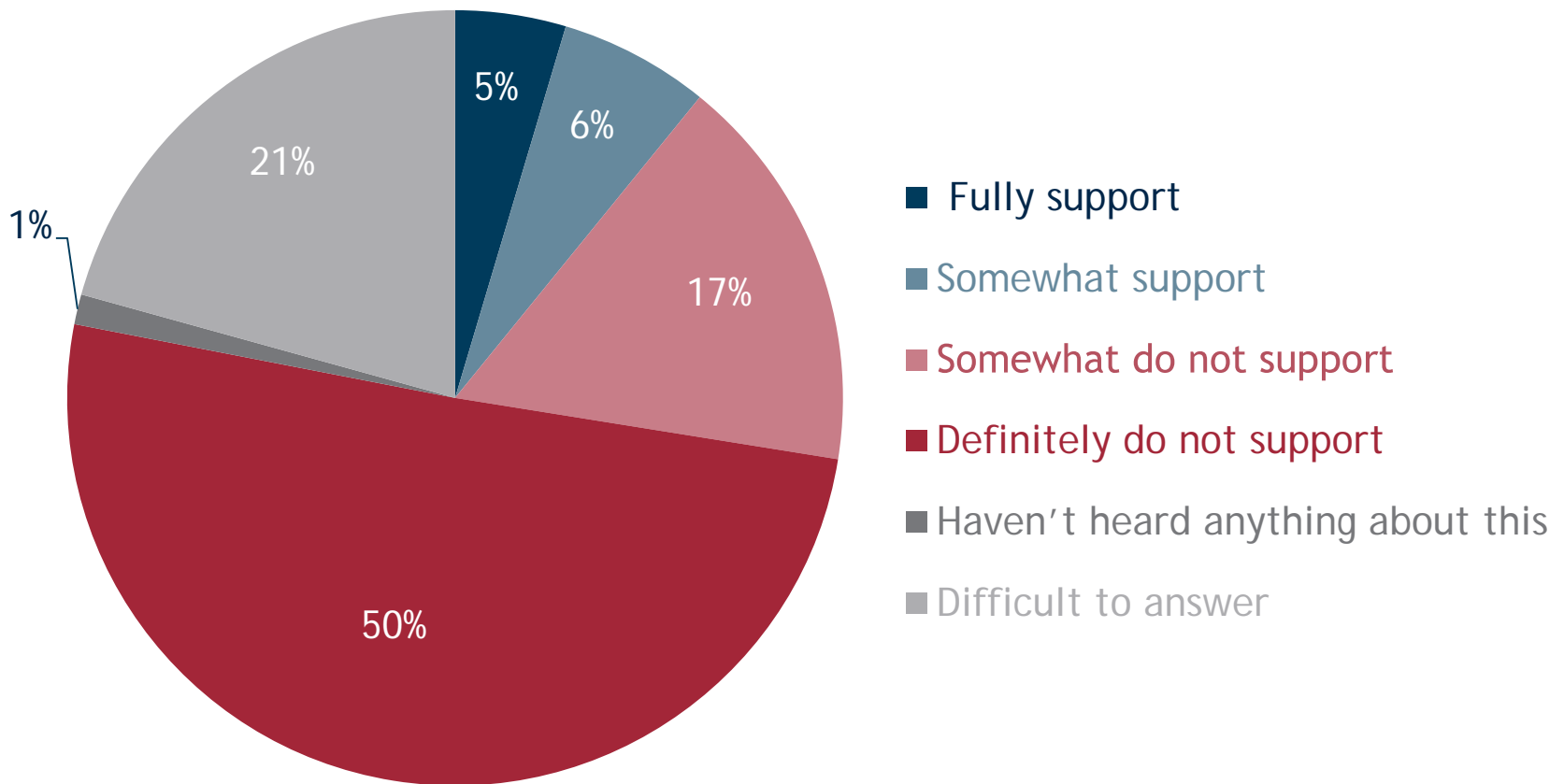
In your opinion, which of the following should Ukraine do?



Do you feel that the Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine are under pressure or threat because of their language?



Do you support the economic blockade of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics?





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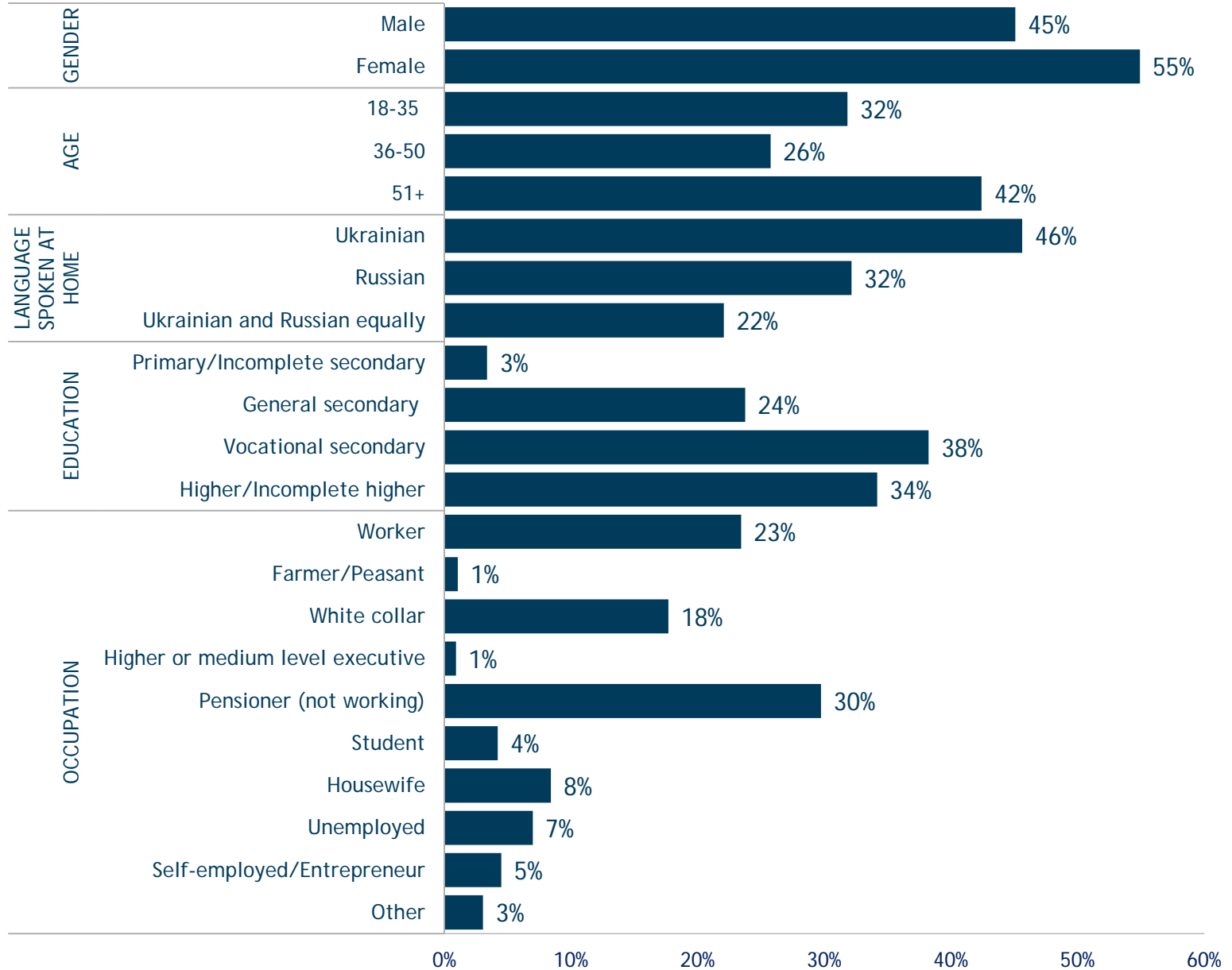


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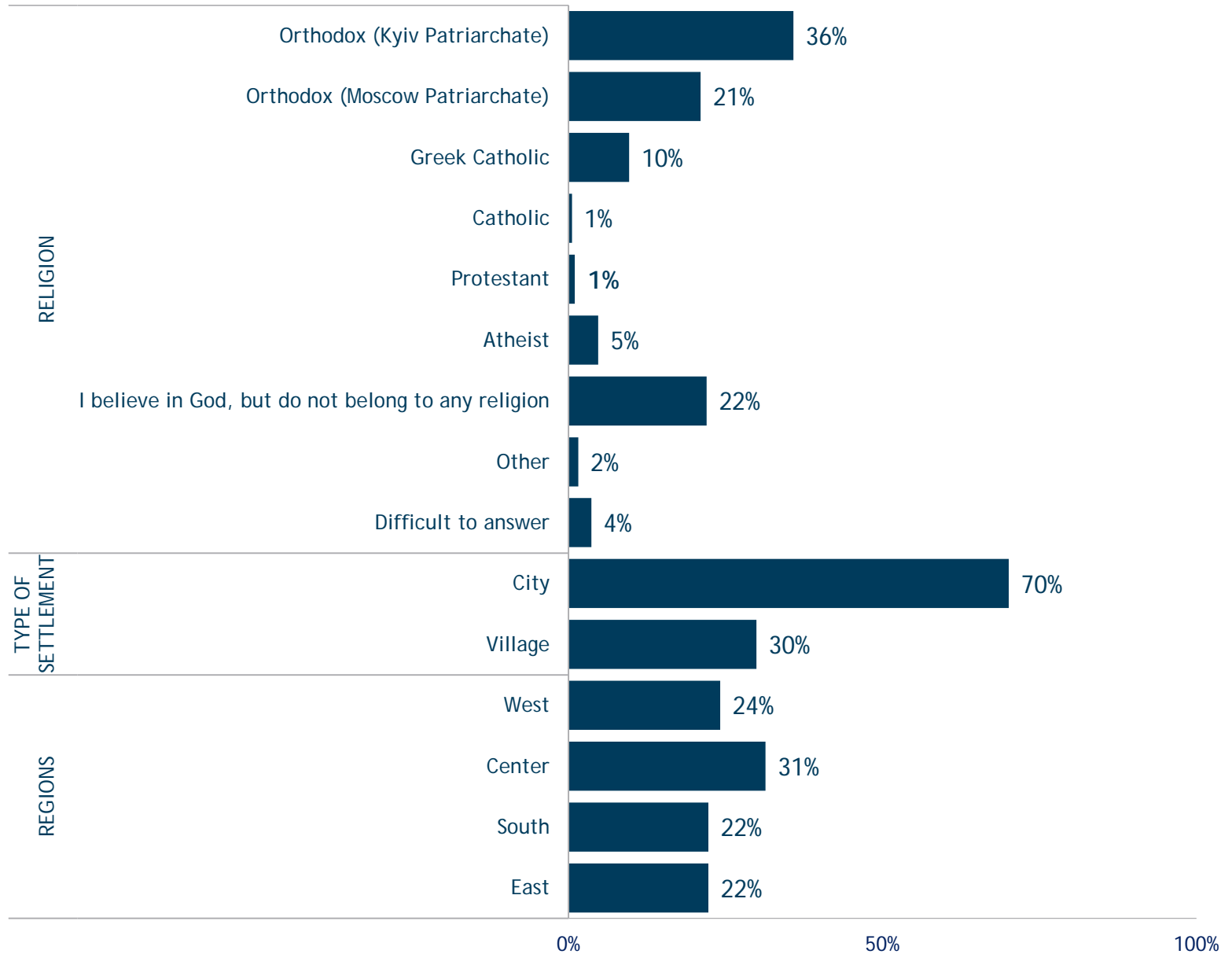
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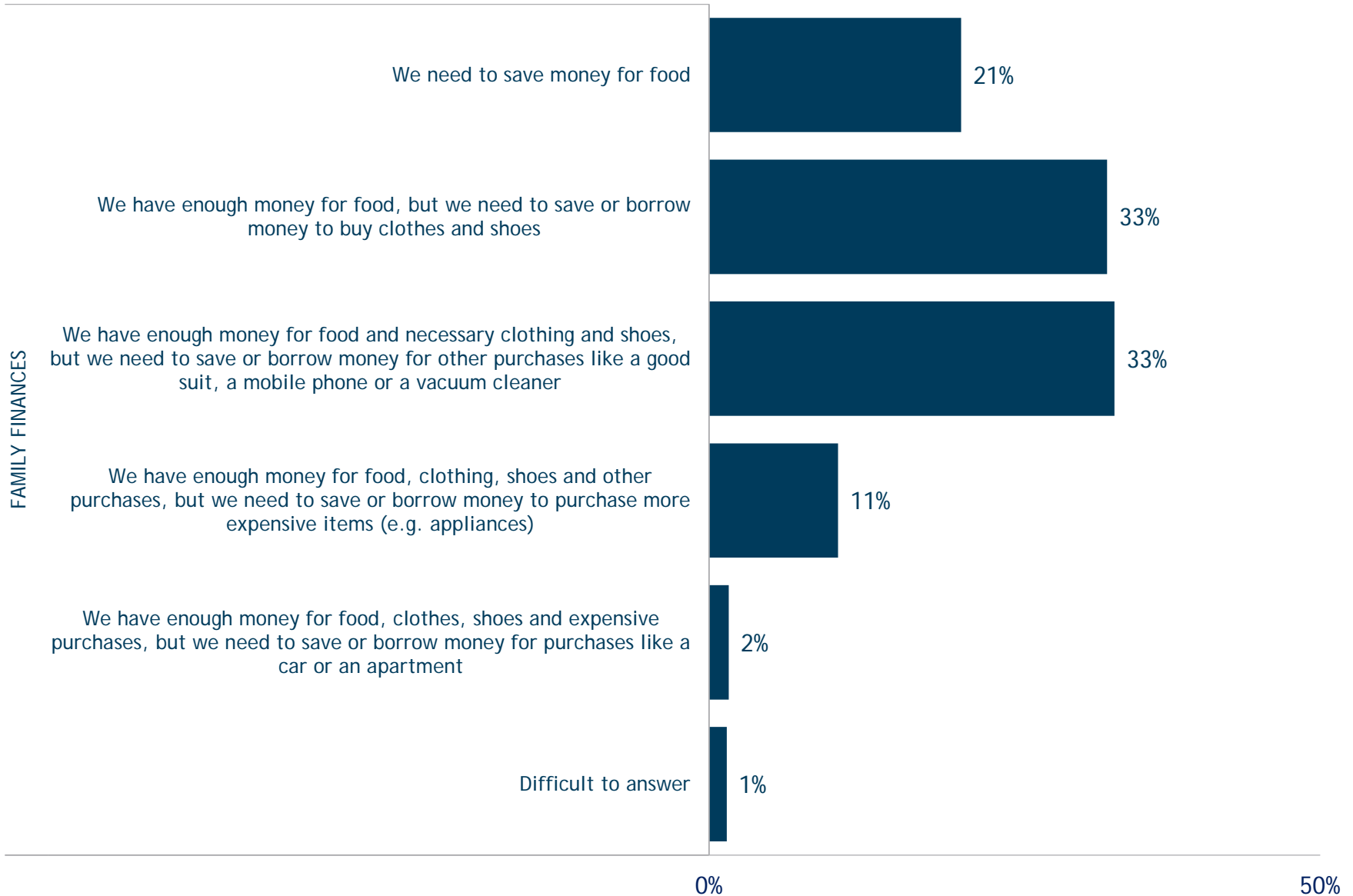
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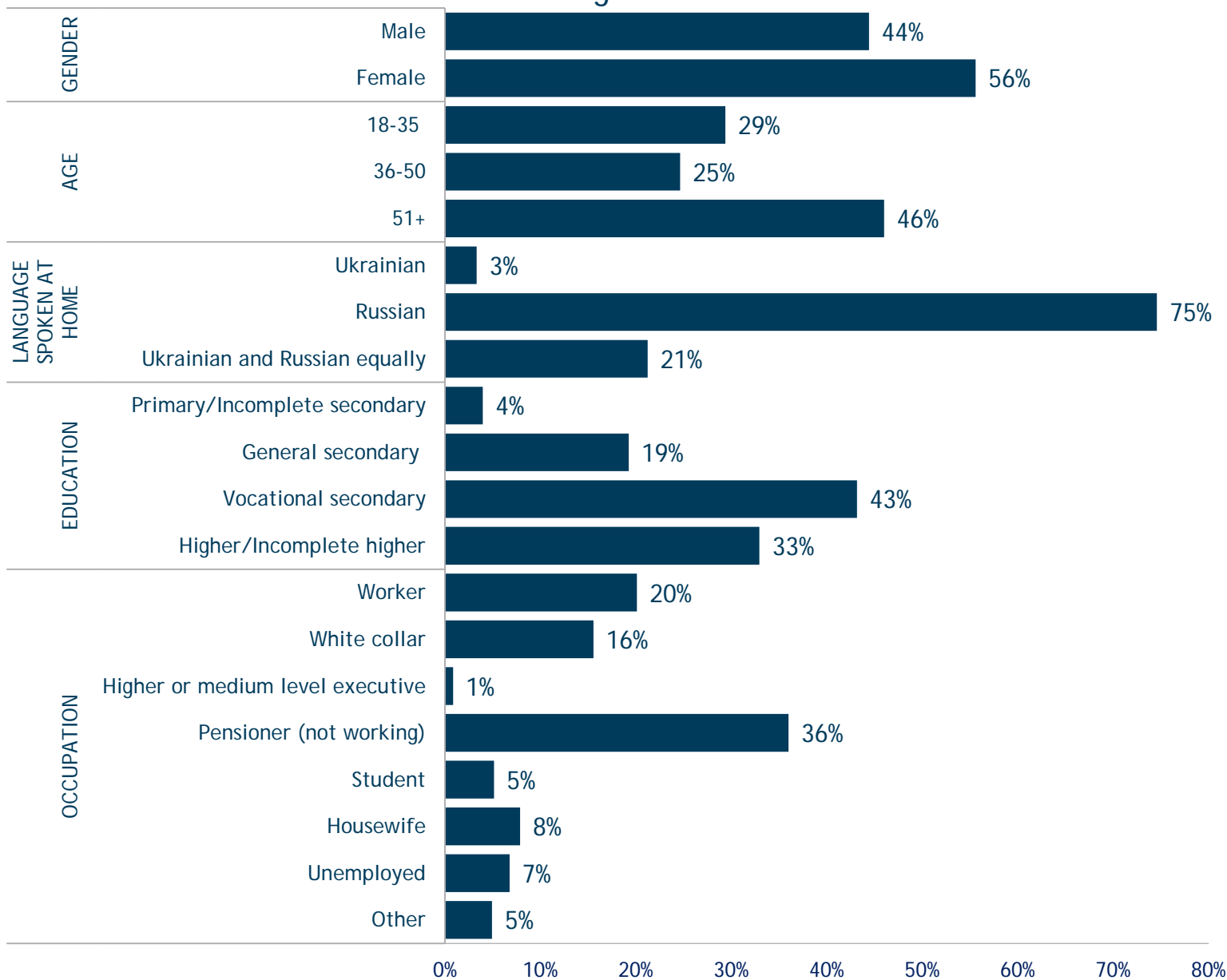
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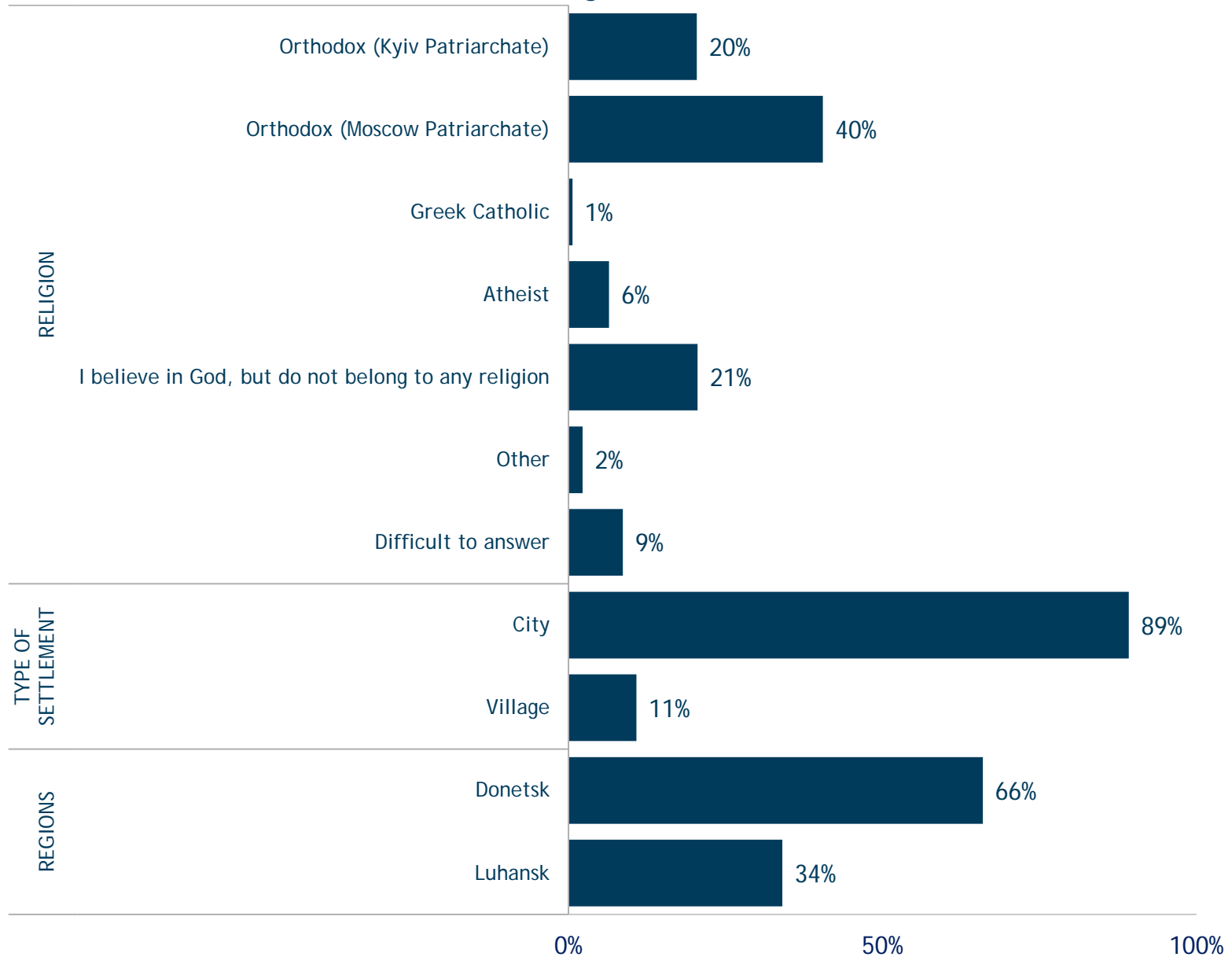
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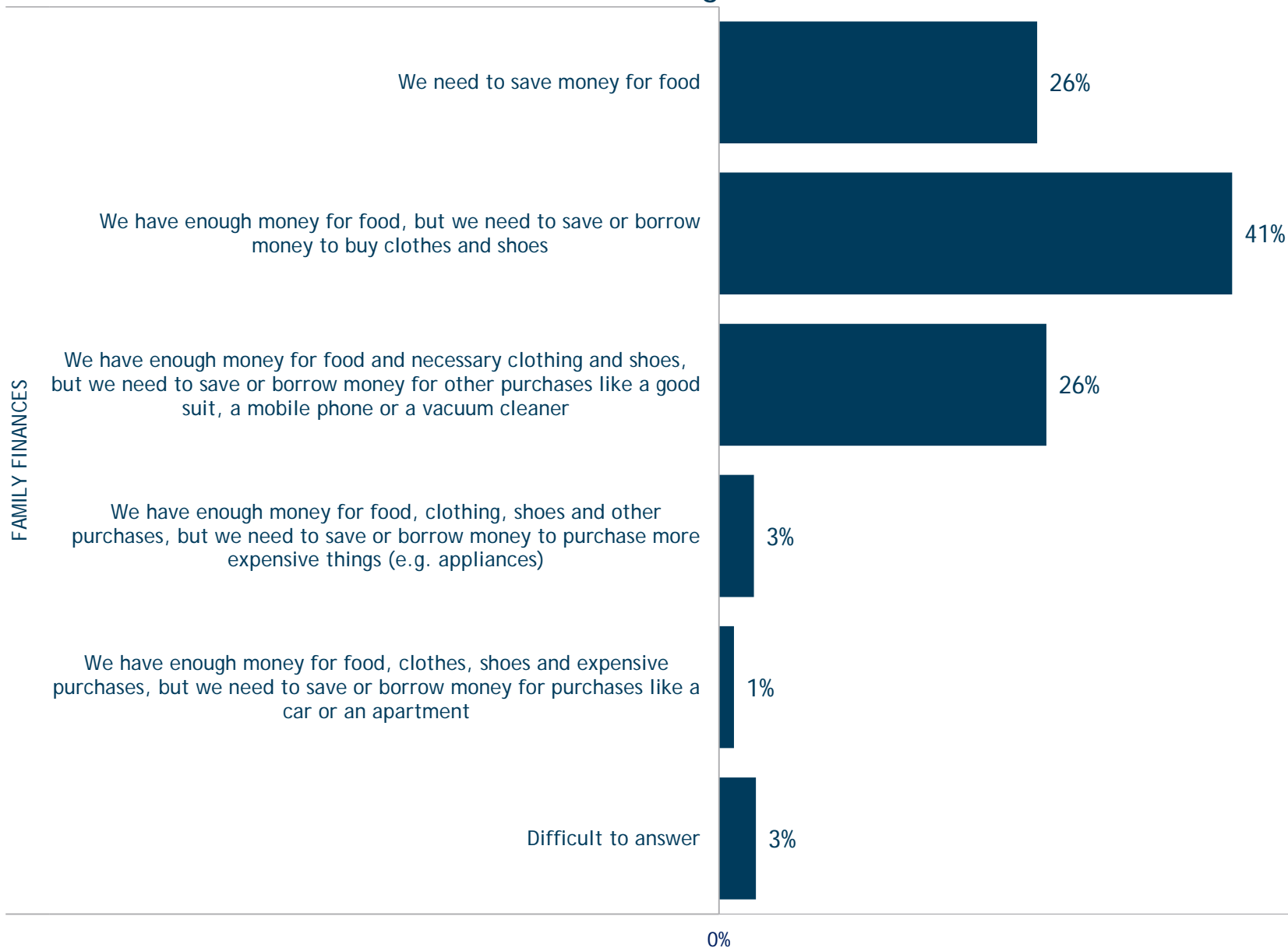
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